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IEPA may ease up on city cleanup

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Granite City officials received good news from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency last week regarding the gasoline contamination at two city-owned sites.

The city has expended about \$500,000 to clean up gasoline contamination left over from leaking underground storage tanks at the main fire station on Madison Avenue and at the street department on Adams Street.

"It appears we will be able to obtain closure on the street department site," Alderman Craig Tarpoff, chairman of the City Council's Planning, Zoning and Engineering Committee, said after city officials met Wednesday with representatives of the IEPA and the engineering firm of Schreiber, Grana and Yonley.

And while completing required action at the fire station site appears to be less certain, the IEPA will probably allow the city to get by with a "hold approach" — with emphasis on monitoring rather than eliminating contamination, Tarpoff said.

"I think the IEPA was very understanding regarding our dilemma," Tarpoff said. "They understand that we're more than halfway to the \$1 million cap (on reimbursement) and can't afford any mistakes."

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— Craig Tarpoff
Alderman

The city removed four gasoline storage tanks from the fire station property in 1992. Cleanup of contaminated soil appeared to be 90 percent complete in 1993, but gasoline levels in three of six monitoring wells on the property inexplicably began to increase.

In fact, one well tested in the summer of 1994 — more than a year after all underground gas tanks were removed from the property — contained gasoline fresh enough to power a lawn mower, officials said.

Gasoline levels continue to be well above IEPA standards and contamination appears to be spreading off-site.

The IEPA anticipates that the state will appropriate \$25 million to \$30 million for work (See CLEANUP, Page 11A)

Tax cap bill OK'd by Senate

SPRINGFIELD — The Madison and St. Clair county boards could place binding referendums on the ballot to cap property taxes under legislation approved Thursday in the Illinois Senate.

The two counties would be among 39 statewide covered by the bill sponsored by Sen. Dave Syverton, R-Rockford, that now goes to the House. A similar bill passed the Senate last year but stalled in the House.

The bill limits increases in property tax extensions to 5 percent a year or the rate of inflation, whichever is less.

It would authorize referendums at any election if approved by a majority of county board members. The affected counties are those whose current equalized assessed valuation has risen since 1983.

Valuations have declined in many Downstate counties. The bill passed the Senate 35-16. Sen. Evelyn Bowles, D-Edwardsville, did not vote on the bill.

If approved by voters, the caps would apply to all taxing districts that lie wholly within the county.

— From The Telegraph



Contest time — Jill Shaw, the evening supervisor at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus, and office worker Stephen Blind look through Trash posters they found by children entering a poster contest. More photos on Page 2A.

(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

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Fuller's Forecast

John Fuller, Meteorologist

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Flood plan meeting opposition

A representative of the Metro East Regional Storm Water Committee is continuing negotiations with opponents of the group's proposal to relieve chronic flooding problems in Madison, St. Clair and Monroe counties.

The committee's negotiator, Judy Nelson of Edwardsville, said Thursday that opponents of the plan had agreed to "basic ground rules" in a meeting last week arranged by state Rep. Ron Stephens, R-Troy.

Nelson said the committee's plan has widespread support from municipalities and drainage districts within the three counties, but has run into objections from statewide associations concerned about a precedent.

Opponents include the Illinois Municipal League, the Illinois Association of Drainage Districts and the Illinois Realtors Association.

"Each group has a list of objections. I asked, 'Are you willing to compromise and negotiate?' and they said, 'We're here to compromise,' so that is a good sign," Nelson said.

A House committee has rejected a bill sponsored by Rep. Tom Holbrook, D-Belleville, that contained the committee's plan. The plan authorizes a uniform storm water management plan and permits a referendum in the three counties to establish fees on

paved surfaces such as parking lots and driveways.

The money would be used to pay for retention basins and other drainage control devices to control runoff.

Stephens has objected to potential fees and questioned who should be eligible to vote in the proposed referendum. However, he is sponsoring a shell bill still pending before the House that could become a vehicle for a potential compromise.

"Hopefully, we can have a give-and-take and some compromise language," Stephens said Thursday. "But, frankly, at this point everyone seems pretty far apart."

Holbrook questioned why Alton was the only area community

(See PLAN, Page 11A)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Fashionable — Linda Reish, left, Judy Stille and Robin Thomas model some of the spring clothing that will be featured at the Picture Perfect Luncheon Fashion Show. Sponsored by the Women's Division of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce, the show will be held on April 13 at Sunset Hills Country Club in Edwardsville. The event starts at 11 a.m. and admission, which includes lunch, is \$17.

Moving on down

Condemnation OK'd for bike trail

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Madison County Transit District board has approved initiating condemnation proceedings on railroad right-of-way necessary to connect the Vandalabene Trail to Mockingbird Lane in Granite City.

At Thursday's meeting, the board authorized condemnation proceedings against the Alton & Southern Railroad on the right-of-way located near Horseshoe Lake Road.

Transit District Director Jerry Kane said the right-of-way is about 100 feet in length. He said the district is negotiating with the railroad, but said the condemnation may be necessary.

By connecting the Vandalabene Trail to Mockingbird Lane, he said bicyclists using the trail would be able to go directly onto the road.

He also announced that bids on the construction of the Vandalabene Trail

from Edwardsville to Granite City would be let on April 12. The trail will run from the Esic area of Edwardsville to an area near Horseshoe Lake.

The board approved spending up to \$15,000 for a high-density file storage system for the district office.

"Our storage room is well beyond its capacity," Kane said. "If we would purchase the high density filing system, it would more than double our capacity."

The system would be purchased from Connor Business Systems in St. Louis for a cost of \$15,442.

In other business, the board was told by Bi-State Development Authority officials that the Illinois garage would be losing the services of several buses because of the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

Roger J. Sulzer, director of the Illinois facility, said eight buses were being sent to Atlanta for the Olympics.

GOP may get two on ballot

Two Republicans are expected to make bids for countywide offices in November, although neither got enough write-in votes in last week's primary election to make the ballot.

Madison County GOP Chairman Edward Ragsdale said he expects that Chris Doucleff will be nominated for recorder of deeds and John Finnegan will be nominated for auditor at the party's county convention on Monday.

"They are excellent people, they are

well-qualified and they have relevant experience," Ragsdale said.

Both men are from Alton.

Each candidate needed 219 write-in votes to earn a spot on the general election ballot; Doucleff got 94 and Finnegan got 74. Doucleff, if nominated, would oppose incumbent Democrat Dan Donohoo for recorder of deeds and Finnegan would oppose incumbent Democrat Fred Bathon for auditor.

(See BALLOT, Page 11A)

Irwin Chapel



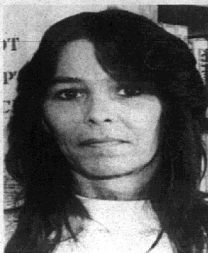
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THE VOICE BOX:

On a scale from one to 10, how do you rate the Granite City police at keeping the peace in our area?

By SHIRLEY VALENCIA



Linda Shipley Granite City
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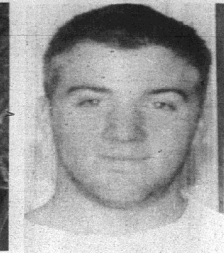
Boyd Keelin Granite City
"I think they do a pretty good job. I give them a nine. There are some things they miss although they can't be everywhere."



Robert Moore Granite City
"I think they do a fine job. They are visible. I see them out on the streets all the time. I'll give them a nine."



Eugene Bazile Granite City
"They do over a 10. They are very alert and serve our public well."



Dana Anderson Granite City
"I'm a law-abiding citizen, and a pretty good guy. I've never had to deal with the police, so I guess they do OK. I'll give them an eight."

4 charged in fight at tavern

Four Granite City men were arrested on charges of aggravated battery late Thursday night and early Friday morning in connection with a January fight in a Madison tavern.

Arrested were Jerry Heuschman, 21, of the 2100 block of Amos Avenue; Jeffrey W. Heuschman, 21, of the 3000 block of Mockingbird Lane; Michael Gooch, 22, of the 4000 block of Veseli Avenue; and Matthew T. Crider, 21, of the 3100 block of Aubrey Street.

All are charged with one count of aggravated battery, and bond has been set at \$25,000 each. All four were released from the Madison County jail after posting bond.

The arrests stem from a Jan. 28 fight at Krampen's Bar at 1348 Madison Ave. in Madison.

According to police reports a Madison officer on patrol was flagged down by two women after the fight.

The men allegedly attacked another man after an argument over the jukebox. When another man tried to stop the fight, they allegedly beat him too.

One of the victims required eye surgery, according to police.

Volunteers get certification

Nine new volunteers for Sexual Assault Victims First have received certification for doing advocacy in Illinois.

Those nine volunteers successfully completed the required 40 hours of training, now giving them the skills necessary for doing hospital and police advocacy.

Volunteers also do public education and public speaking representing the agency.

Certificates were awarded and a pizza party was enjoyed by all. Anyone who might be interested in becoming an advocate for the center may call Mary at 344-0609 for information concerning the next session of classes.



(Staff photos by JOHN FRES)

Winners — The winners of the Stash-the-Trash poster coloring contest are, from left: Jacob Long of Frohardt School; Amanda Marti, Holy Family; Amy Kennerly, St. Elizabeth's; Toni Holly, Worthen; Marinda Jorinda, Wilson; Lydia Kamphoefner, Maryville; Floyd Hunter, Prather; and Sarah Demaree, Mitchell. Not pictured was Cartell Kirkwood of Venice. Contest participants were all third graders. Winners received \$50 savings bonds from the sponsoring banks: Central Bank, First Bank, Omni Bank, Magna Bank, Guardian Bank, Granite City Steel Credit Union and Roosevelt Bank. Their posters will be on display at the branch issuing their bond until the cleanup drive on April 20. Honorable mention winners received coloring books. Their works will be displayed at area businesses. The rest of the entries can be viewed at the Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College. Below, contest winners order as above) are joined by contest judge Jill Shaw of BAC, poster designer Janet Mills, contest organizer Barbara DuVall of Central Bank and Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice-president R C Bush.



Stroke group to meet

Stroke Support Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. April 10 in the president's room, on the ground floor inside Bonaventure's Cafeteria, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

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Stages loses suit over car crash

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A Madison County jury has awarded \$277,520 to two East Alton men in a lawsuit against MTV Stages for violating the state's Dramshop Act.

While Stages' nightclub is now owned by the federal government and is no longer in operation, Tom Chapman, an attorney for the two men, said they should be able to collect a percentage of the award from insurers.

The original suit by Harry Harvey was filed March 6, 1993, and was later consolidated with a separate lawsuit filed by Sean Jerman.

According to the combined lawsuit, the two suffered severe injuries in an automobile accident in Alton at about 4:30 a.m. on March 6, 1993. The two were in a car driven by Hope Giberson of Alton when she lost control and crashed. According to the suit, Giberson had been drinking at Stages in Madison before the accident, and bartenders had violated the Dramshop Act by continuing to serve her alcohol after she became intoxicated.

On March 20, a jury awarded Harvey \$125,639.95 and Jerman \$151,880.15.

Chapman said they expected to recover a percentage of that from insurers, but could not elaborate.

Defense attorney John Ewart of Mattoon, Ill. could not be reached for comment.

The nightclub was seized by the federal government along with other property owned by convicted racketeer Thomas Venezia. It was run by the U.S. Marshals Service until the nightclub's liquor license was revoked following a raid by local and state police.

The nightclub property is the subject of negotiations between owners, the federal government and Gateway International Raceway, which wants to buy the property.

The raceway is planning a \$22 million expansion, and the nightclub is located on what will be the raceway's oval track.

SEMC offers childbirth 'refresher'

The Women and Newborn Services Department at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City is offering a refresher class for expectant mothers and their labor-support partners who have previously taken a prepared childbirth class.

The \$15 class offers information on childbirth options, comfort techniques for labor and delivery, vaginal birth after Caesarian and other topics. Preregistration is required.

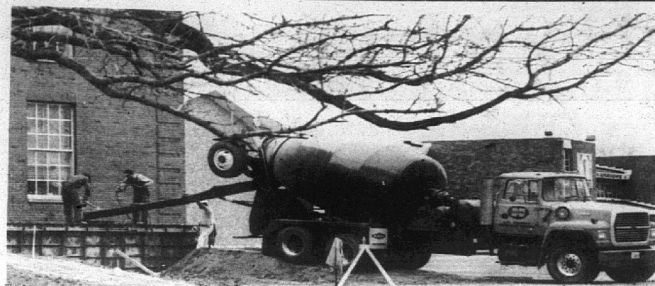
The class will meet from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Monday, April 15.

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Workers watch a truck from Kienstra Concrete Co. pour footings in the front of Granite City High School. The work is part of a two-year, \$12 million renovation project at the school.

School board changes procedures for meetings

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

The Granite City School Board has implemented some changes in the way it does business.

The changes, recommended by board President Eldin Rea, are designed to streamline operations and to "add a civic element", Rea said.

For the first time Tuesday, the school board meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

The board then utilized a consent agenda, also the first time such a tool has been used.

The consent agenda contains items that are repetitive and routine in nature, such as approval of the bill list or requests for use of facilities. Any member may make a motion to approve the entire consent agenda or request that any item be removed from the consent agenda for individual discussion and consideration.

"The consent agenda will allow us time to get to things we just didn't have time for in the past," Rea said.

After completing action on the listed agenda items Tuesday, for example, the board received an oral report on the status of a \$12 million renovation project at Granite City High School.

Jim Katich of Korte Construction Co., the manager of the construction project, reported that the project is on schedule and within the budget.

"Cost wise, the project is in good shape. We want to keep it there so we want to stay on top of things," Katich told the board.

Superintendent Steve Balen asked Katich questions about three details of the project: what will be done with wood trim and oak cabinets after they are removed from inside the high school; why some windows have been covered with plywood; and why concrete footings have been poured in front of the building.

Katich said most of the wood trim and cabinets will be removed and scrapped, but that the district could coordinate a salvage project if people are interested in obtaining the material.

He said several windows were removed and the spaces covered with plywood for two reasons: to install conduit and to allow the window contractor to inspect window conditions so that shop drawings may be prepared. The footings in the front of the building are for stairwells that are to be installed later and for concrete ramps that will be installed to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In other action, the school board approved a list of 71 second-year teachers recommended for tenure status. One additional second-year teacher was not recommended for re-employment.

The board also approved a list of 61 first-year teachers recommended for re-employment next year. Three additional first-year teachers were not recommended for re-employment, and six more first-year teachers were recommended for honorable dismissal, pending enrollment figures next year.

"These six individuals will likely be re-employed if kindergarten enrollment is up," Balen said.

Everywhere a sign

Council balks at adding three new ones

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Most Granite City residents don't know where Chicago Avenue is located, let alone use the street on a regular basis.

In fact, the city directory lists no residents living on the dead-end, east-west street located one block south of Niedringhaus Avenue in Lincoln Place.

Nonetheless, the Granite City street department recently installed 28 traffic signs — at a cost of about \$100 each — on the narrow, one-fifth mile long road.

The signs were installed at the direction of the City Council.

Seven posts, only 150 feet apart, line the south side of the street. Each post carries two signs: a "No Parking Any Time" sign and a four-ton weight limit sign.

On the north side of the street, seven more posts each hold two signs: a weight limit sign and a sign prohibiting parking by vehicles exceeding 18 feet in length.

The proliferation of signs on little-traveled Chicago Avenue is an extreme example of what some city officials have said is a citywide problem — too many traffic signs.

Several years ago, then-Mayor Von Dee Cruise vowed to veto any new stop sign requests, calling the city the "stop sign capital of the world."

Two years ago, the council adopted an ordinance limiting the number, size and type of commercial signs in the city, but the ordinance does not regulate traffic signs placed by the city.

The problem reared its ugly head again at last week's City Council meeting, when Alderman Foster Frederick, chairman of the Traffic and Lights Committee, requested an ordinance be drafted to erect three signs near the intersection of Niedringhaus and Madison avenues.

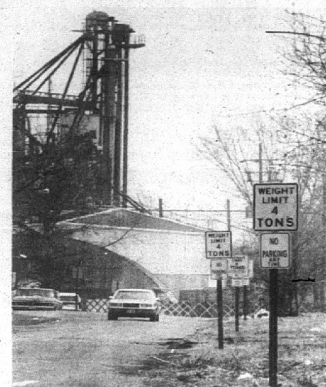
One sign, to be placed at the Niedringhaus Avenue exit to QuikTrip near a soon-to-be-completed car wash facility, would prohibit left turns onto Niedringhaus from the QuikTrip lot.

That ordinance was requested by the Traffic Committee in anticipation of increased traffic moving in and out of the QuikTrip property as a result of the car wash. The exit is located about 20 feet from Madison Avenue, where a nearly-constant stream of cars turn right onto Niedringhaus Avenue. A left turn from QuikTrip would require crossing two lanes with little distance to judge oncoming traffic.

But Frederick also requested two more signs be erected at the same time — one at the exit of Taco Bell prohibiting a left turn onto Madison Avenue and the other on northbound Madison Avenue at Niedringhaus, prohibiting a left turn onto Niedringhaus.

A sign is already in place prohibiting a left turn from Madison Avenue onto Niedringhaus. The majority of the council balked at the proposal.

"I don't think we restrict any of the other businesses on Madison Avenue," Alderman Bob



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

These are a few of the traffic signs recently installed on little-used Chicago Avenue. The posts are located about 150 feet apart and each carries identical signs.

Shipley said in reference to the proposed sign in front of Taco Bell.

Taco Bell is located nearly a block from the intersection.

"We've discussed this before. All we wanted was one sign (prohibiting a left turn) from the car wash to Niedringhaus," said Alderman Mac Warfield.

"I don't know that we have a problem at Taco Bell and (next door) Jack-in-the-Box," said Alderman Craig Tarpoff. "I turn left out of there onto Madison Avenue nearly every day."

Tarpoff said the additional signs could actually create traffic problems rather than eliminate them.

"I think it's very much a hazard," Frederick said.

But a voice vote to have an ordinance prepared to erect all three signs overwhelmingly failed. Tarpoff then proposed that an ordinance be drafted prohibiting a left turn from QuikTrip onto Niedringhaus. That motion passed and will be presented for a vote Tuesday.

Asked if he wanted to bring the other two signs up for consideration, Foster replied:

"The issue can die as far as I'm concerned. Let those people die, too."

Pontoon approves licenses

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Approval of two new business licenses and two special use permits were among actions taken by the Pontoon Beach Village Board at Tuesday's meeting.

The two variances approved were for neighbors on Trinity Lane, Mike and Renee Crouch and Paul and Edna Bennett both wanted to place double-wide manufactured homes on land zoned agricultural.

Hearings were held at the property sites Monday. There were no objections raised at the hearings.

The village board also approved business licenses for two restaurants.

The first, by Patricia J. Dalton of Granite City, is the Lakeview Restaurant at 4112 Pontoon Road.

The second is a request by Archie Lupardus of Granite City for Fat Archie's, located at 4007 Pontoon Road.

The board also approved a bid of \$9,605 from Kienstra Inc. of Wood River for concrete for the 1996 motor fuel tax maintenance program.

Kienstra was the only bidder on the materials.

Blood pressure checks offered

St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Outpatient Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Program will offer blood pressure checks to area residents each Monday in April.

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Safety check on April 12

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The Roadside Safety Check is an alcohol-related accident reduction program funded through a grant provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

The grant is administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Traffic Safety.

Commander Inlow said troopers working the patrol will be enforcing DUI of alcohol and/or drugs and occupant restraint laws during the event, supported by Illinois Department of Transportation statistics and Illinois State Police divisional and district data.

Officers will be "hired back" at applicable pay rates during their time off to participate at times and locations which experience the most frequent alcohol-related accidents.

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Blocked by reform

Group says state's changes thwart lawsuits

SPRINGFIELD — Katy Fischer of Wood River says her husband, Patrick, died from asbestos-related cancer earlier this month, but legal reforms passed last year prevented her from suing manufacturers for damages.

Fischer participated in a news conference Tuesday by the Coalition for Consumer Rights to mark the first year under the reforms. The group, which receives substantial funding from personal injury lawyers who opposed the reforms, contends the new law has failed to provide the promised economic benefits while punishing injury victims.

Ed Murnane, director of the Illinois Civil Justice League, a coalition of business, local government and other groups that had pushed for the lawsuit limits, discounted the coalition's claims as "gross deception." He said the true impact of the reforms would not be felt for several years.

The new lawsuit standards took effect March 9, 1995. They imposed new restrictions on suits involving personal injury, medical malpractice and product liability and capped pain-and-suffering

awards at \$500,000.

Fischer said her husband became ill in October while the family was living in Texas. He was diagnosed with mesothelioma, a cancer linked to exposure to asbestos, on Dec. 28. He died March 15 after the family returned to Wood River, leaving two children, ages 7 and 11.

"I had no legal recourse because the exposure took place too long ago. It can take 15 to 45 years before this disease shows its head and then it's too late to be treated," she added.

She said her husband may have been exposed to asbestos years ago when he was with a cleaning firm that worked at Telegraph-area refineries.

Fischer's attorney, Michael Billrey of Wood River, said his client was affected by a change in the law that barred product liability lawsuits involving products more than 10 years old; asbestos has not been manufactured since 1972.

"There are no asbestos cases that can be filed in Illinois any more," Billrey said. "We could live with the caps on punitive and non-economic damages. The

problem is we can't get into the courthouse."

Prior to the law's passage last year, thousands of asbestos lawsuits were filed by attorneys in Madison County.

Coalition Executive Director Nancy Cowles contended that claims by reform supporters that it would strengthen the state's job market are contradicted by a 41.7 percent increase in layoffs in manufacturing since then.

She also cited a continued increase in medical malpractice insurance premiums charged by the insurance subsidiary of the Illinois State Medical Society, which had lobbied for the reform law.

Murnane, however, said a survey of some jurisdictions, including Madison County, indicated civil lawsuits have declined since the reform law took effect.

Several challenges to the constitutionality of the law have been filed but none have progressed beyond the circuit court level.

Murnane contended the "real impact of the new law will only be felt after it is tested in the courts and held constitutional."

— From The Telegraph

Survey finds two rivers in bad shape

The Mississippi and Illinois Rivers have high concentrations of bacteria from human or animal waste due, in part, to inadequate sewage treatment, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

"Because this is the first evaluation ever attempted on this scale, it's hard to talk about trends or what areas show improvement or failure," Bob Hirsch, chief hydrologist for the U.S. Geological Survey, said.

The agency tested the Illinois River at Hardin and the Mississippi River periodically from 1987 to 1992.

"We found fecal coliform bacteria from waste (in the Illinois River) at Hardin above the maximum levels of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency," Robert Meade, a senior hydrologist at the Geological Survey in Denver, said.

The fecal coliform bacteria concentrations at Hardin were 15,000 bacteria per liter, much higher than the EPA's maximum allowable content of 2,000 bacteria per liter, Meade said.

"The coliform bacteria found at Hardin may have come from waste systems or agriculture runoff from as far away as Chicago," Meade said.

High levels of fecal coliform bacteria, which survive only briefly in river water, were also found along the Mississippi from Minneapolis to the Gulf of Mexico, according to the report released Tuesday. The high levels are apparently due to

incomplete treatment of domestic sewage, the agency said in its report.

Hirsch said the dozens of contaminants measured in the study of the Mississippi and its tributaries "represent a report card on our cleanup efforts on the streams and rivers that drain nearly half the country."

The \$7 million study also shows that sewage may be diluted as much as a thousandfold after being mixed into the Mississippi River.

The study started in 1987, when the Geological Survey began taking samples of river water from near St. Louis to the Gulf of Mexico. The effort was expanded in 1990 to cover the 1,928 miles of the Mississippi from Minneapolis to the gulf.

The Geological Survey, the nation's largest water-resources information and science agency, measures water quality and quantity in all 50 states.

Meade stressed that he and other agency scientists were determined to measure the Mississippi's water quality without preconceived notions.

The scientists took thousands of water and sediment samples from the river over the five years and had them analyzed in laboratories. That work, Meade emphasized, was greatly supplemented by the research of other federal agencies and state agencies along the Mississippi, including the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

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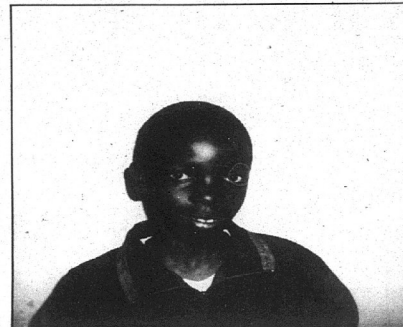
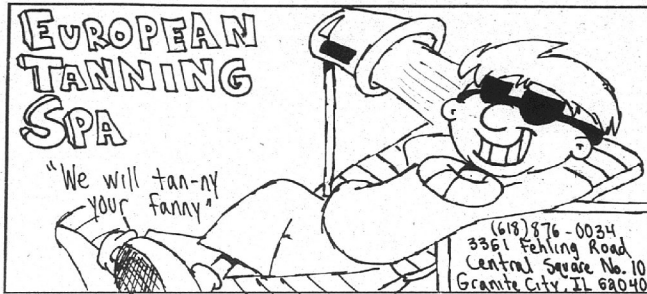
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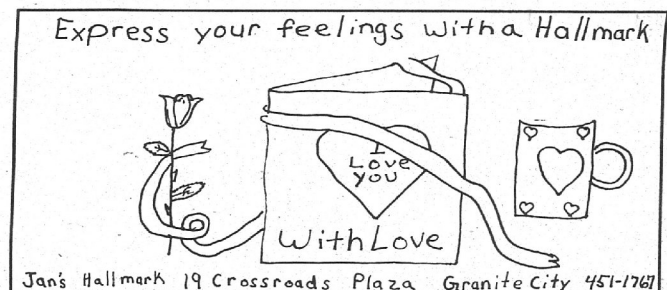
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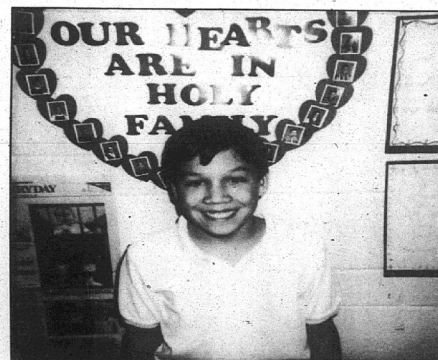
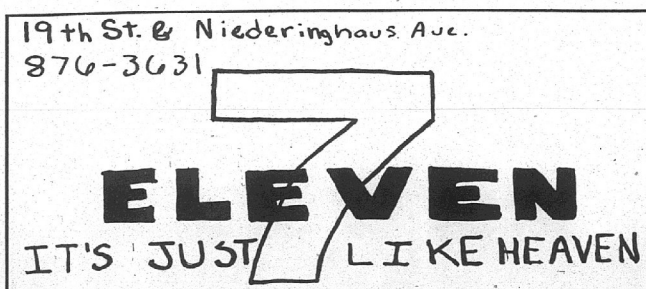
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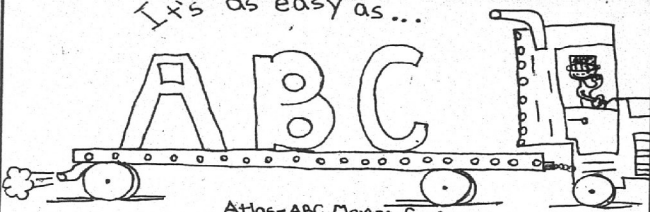
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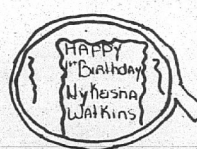
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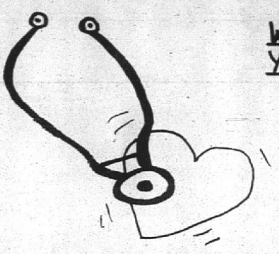
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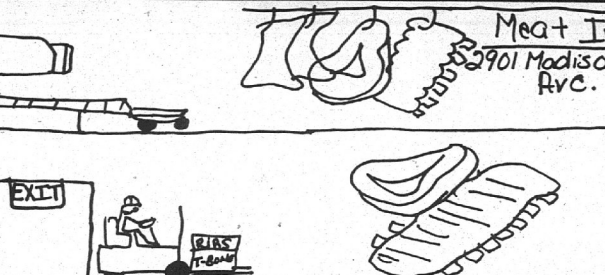
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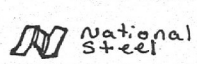
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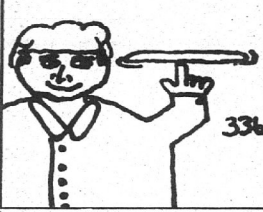
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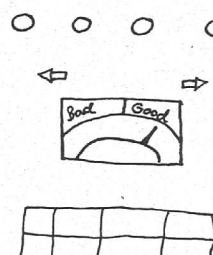
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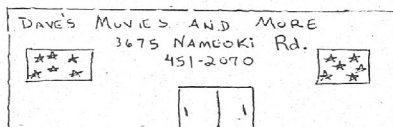


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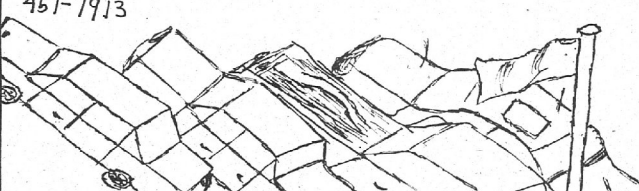
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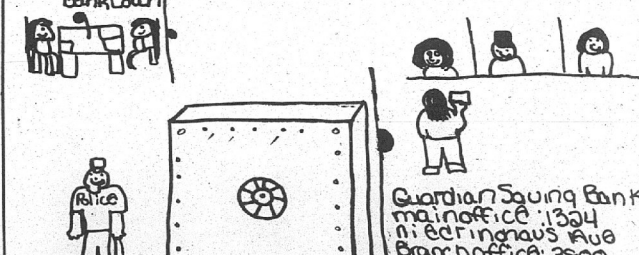
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Obituaries

Johnnie Mowery

Johnnie A. Mowery Sr., 85, of Madison died at 11:10 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, 1996, in Granite City. He was born Dec. 18, 1910, in Dongola, Ill., and had been a resident of Madison for 31 years.

Mr. Mowery was a pipe fitter with Granite City Steel for 30 years prior to his retirement in 1975.

Survivors include two daughters, Betty Freeman of Madison and Margie Villa of Centerville; 18 grandchildren; and 38 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Josephine (Oiler) Mowery, whom he married March 6, 1930, and who died Dec. 22, 1986; one son, Johnnie A. Mowery Jr., who died in 1983; his parents, Jacob and Hulda (Casper) Mowery; two brothers, Ivey and Harvey Mowery; two sisters, Minnie Grable and Bertha Mowery; and one grandson.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road in Granite City, where services are at 11:30 a.m. Monday with the Rev. Johnny Hollingsworth officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates.

Mildred Becherer

Mildred M. "Millie" (White) Becherer, 77, of Swansea died Wednesday, March 27, 1996, at Memorial Hospital. She was born July 1, 1918, in East St. Louis.

A secretary with Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville for 15 years prior to her retirement, she was a member of St. Albert the Great Catholic Church, St. Ann's Sodality, the Quilters Club and Western Catholic Union.

Survivors include her husband, Francis Becherer; three sons, Paul Becherer of Troy, Mo., Donald Becherer of New Melle, Mo., and David Becherer of Madison; one daughter, Marianne Becherer of O'Fallon, Mo.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were Saturday at St. Albert the Great Catholic Church in Fairview Heights with the Rev. James T. Long officiating. Burial was in Mount Carmel Cemetery in Belleville. Arrangements were handled by John Barnes Funeral Home in Belleville.

Lois Wolf

Lois M. (Patterson) Wolf, 80, of Granite City died at 11:25 a.m. Tuesday, March 26, 1996, at Colonial Care Center in Granite City, following a four-year illness. She was born Oct. 1, 1915, in Portageville, Mo., and had been a resident of

Granite City for 50 years.

A homemaker, she was a member of Central Christian Church in Granite City.

Survivors include her husband, Carl C. Wolf; one son, Mark Rigby of Granite City; one daughter, Patti Twellman of St. Louis; one brother, Gene Patterson of Santa Cruz, Calif.; three sisters, Louise Parkhurst of Cape Girardeau, Mo., Ruth Miller of Yountville, Calif.; and Mary Mattusch of San Francisco; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Charles Priest Rigby, who died in 1956; and her parents, Henry and LaVicia (Winn) Patterson.

Mrs. Wolf's body was cremated.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Central Christian Church, 2020 Johnson Road in Granite City, with the Rev. Carrie Cullen officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon. Arrangements were handled by Davis Funeral Home.

Memorials are requested for the American Lung Association.

Michael Chandler

Michael R. Chandler, 47, of Granite City died at 7:52 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, 1996, at his residence. He was born Nov. 25, 1948, in Granite City, where he had been a lifelong resident.

A painter with Hartman Walsh in St. Louis, he was a member of the Masonic Gothic Lodge #52 in Belleville and International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades Local 120. He was a Vietnam War Army veteran and of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Frost Chandler, whom he married Oct. 30, 1988; one daughter, Nicole Chandler of Granite City; his parents, Charles L. and Helen (Proffert) Chandler of Granite City; four brothers, Don Mahs and John, Jeff and Les Chandler, all of Granite City; and two sisters, Betty Barthelmy and Nancy Norton, both of Granite City.

Services were Saturday at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Leon Belt and the Rev. Roy Boyer officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Frank Miller

Frank Miller, 85, of Granite City died at noon Wednesday, March 27, 1996, at Colonial Care Center in Granite City, where he had been a resident since August 1994. He was born Feb. 12, 1910, in Granite City.

A furniture designer with

Artistic Furniture Company in Detroit for 12 years, he was a World War II Army veteran.

Survivors include two brothers, Elmer Miller of Granite City and Charles Miller of Buford, Ga.; and one sister, Grace McLughlin of Buford.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph T. and Anna (Dudek) Miller; and five brothers, Julius, Edward, George, Louis and Joseph Miller.

Services were Saturday at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Mark Maynard officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery, Nameoki Road in Granite City.

John Gadwell

John T. Gadwell, 86, of Granite City died at 11:56 a.m. Wednesday, March 27, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, following a 10-day illness. He was born Aug. 17, 1909, in East St. Louis and had been a resident of Granite City since 1910.

A carpenter for 14 years prior to his retirement in 1975, he was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Granite City and Carpenters' Local 633. He was an Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Lorene F. (Burner) Gadwell, whom he married Sept. 9, 1934, in Waterloo; three daughters, Barbara Buster of Granite City and Connie Campbell and Beverly Page, both of Studio City, Calif.; two sisters, Helen Cholewick of Granite City and Barbara Water of California; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William F. and Mary (Decker) Gadwell.

Services were Saturday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Granite City with the Rev. Robert DeGrand officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon. Arrangements were handled by Werner Chapel for Funerals in Pontoon Beach.

Memorials in the form of Masses are suggested.

Walter Hall

Walter Lee Hall II, 69, of Granite City died at 9:56 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, following a three-year illness. He was born Oct. 22, 1926, in Granite City, where he had been a lifelong resident.

Manager of Hills Golf in Texas for many years prior to his retirement, he was a member of the American Legion Post 113 in Granite City and AMVETS Post 204 in Madison. Mr. Hall was a United States Army veteran and of the Protes-

tant faith.

Survivors include four sons, Bruce Akley, Dennis Lee, Lee Hall and Derrick Keith Hall, all of Granite City; and Walter Lee Hall III of Arlington, Texas; two daughters, Rebecca Hall of Granite City and Sara Hall of Tucson, Ariz.; four sisters, Ruth Scarborough and Mary Boyer of Springfield, Ill., and Velma Atre of Richmond Hills, Texas; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter Lee Hall Sr. and Ora (Snyder) Hall.

Services were Friday at Pontoon Beach with the Rev. Gus Falter officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Cecelia Labicki

Cecelia (Tomelich) Labicki, 79, of Belleville, formerly of Pontoon Beach, died Wednesday, March 27, 1996, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville, following a three-year illness.

Born April 10, 1916, in Joliet, she had been a resident of Belleville for one year.

A homemaker, she was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Granite City.

Survivors include four sons, Hank Schuck of Cisne, Ill., Donald Schuck of Pontoon Beach and Shirley Green of Perrod, Ky.; 20 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Eva (Ceresene) Tomelich; two brothers, John and Steve Tomelich; and one grandson.

Services were Saturday at Werner Chapel for Funerals in Pontoon Beach with the Rev. Robert DeGrand officiating. Burial was in Resurrection Cemetery in Justice, Ill.

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Notice of Public Hearing on a Proposed State Implementation Plan ("SIP") Revision for the Maintenance Plan for the Granite City PM-10 Nonattainment Area.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Agency" or "Illinois EPA") will hold a public hearing on May 6, 1996, at 10:30 AM at the Harold Brown Recreation Center, Amos and Franklin, Granite City, Illinois.

The hearing will be held by the Illinois EPA Bureau of Air for the purpose of gathering comments prior to the submittal of the proposed SIP revision for the Maintenance Plan for the Granite City PM-10 nonattainment area. The proposed SIP revision includes a maintenance plan and will satisfy the requirements of Sections 107(d)(3) and 175A of the Clean Air Act ("CAA"), as amended (42 U.S.C. § 7407(d)(3) and § 7505).

As part of this request, Illinois is required pursuant to Section 175A of the CAA to submit a maintenance plan providing for continued attainment of the air quality standard for 10 years after the area has been redesignated to attainment.

Questions concerning the proposed maintenance plan and requests for copies may be directed to Rachel Decker, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276, phone (217) 244-3333. Closure of the Hearing Record. The Hearing Record will close on May 13, 1996, and comments should be mailed to: John Williams, Agency Hearing Officer, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, 2200 Churchill Road, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276. Comment's need not be notarized and should be postmarked by midnight, May 13, 1996.

"Procedures for the Informational and Quasi-Legislative Public Hearings" (35 Ill. Adm. Code 164). Any questions about the hearing procedures, requests for copies of the hearing rules, or requests for special needs interpreters should be directed to the Agency Hearing Officer at the above address or at the following phone numbers: (217) 782-5544, and TDD (217) 782-3143. Requests for special needs interpreters must be made by April 20, 1996.

Copies of the SIP revision are on file at the following offices of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency: Collinsville Office at 2009 Main Street, Collinsville, and Springfield Office at 1340 North Ninth Street, Springfield, as well as, the Granite City Public Library at 2001 Delmar Avenue, Granite City.

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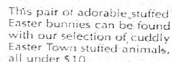
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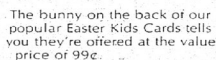
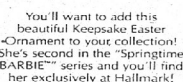


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•Ballot

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Richard Hampson was on the Republican primary ballot and will oppose incumbent Democrat Dallas Burke for county coroner.

"We want to give the voters a choice and we have excellent people," Ragsdale said. "We'll have at least three county-wide candidates. If someone is interested in running for circuit clerk, we'd like to talk to them."

Republicans used write-in votes to nominate Jerry Sewell of Alton as a candidate for the County Board in District 7. Sewell, who needed seven votes to earn a ballot spot, received 44. He will oppose incumbent Democrat Bill Little of Alton.

Including Sewell, Republicans have candidates for seven County Board seats; one of the seven, District 6 incumbent Bill Aery of Godfrey, is unopposed.

The current 29-member board includes only two Republicans, Aery and District 4 incumbent Homer Henke.

Ragsdale said the party is interested in finding candidates for other county board races.

— From The Telegraph

•Plan

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to raise objections to the plan, while several others, including Edwardsville, passed resolutions of support.

In a letter to Holbrook, Stephens and Nelson, Alton City Attorney C. Dana Eastman objected that "municipalities have no direct involvement in the decision-making process" for the storm water management plan.

"The referendum required will have little or no understanding by the average voter or city council member," Eastman added, calling for a "an equal partnership between municipalities and counties."

The committee's membership was appointed by the three county boards.

Its legislative committee is chaired by Madison County Board member Richard Worthen of Alton.

Worthen said committee members met last week to discuss possible compromises. He said they agreed any plan must be uniform and equally affect all areas of the three counties.

— From The Telegraph

Recycling center off schedule

The opening of Laidlaw Waste Systems' new recycling facility has been delayed for several weeks.

"We're behind schedule," said Ron Pugh, Laidlaw's market general manager for Southern Illinois. "The winter weather slowed us down."

Laidlaw officials had hoped to put the facility in operation at the company's Roxana Sanitary Landfill by late March but now anticipate a mid-April start-up.

The 25,000-square-foot facility will be Laidlaw's first materials recovery facility, or "merf," in the St. Louis metropolitan area. It will sort recyclables, bale them and ship them to mills for recycling. The facility will accept only materials that have been separated from non-recyclable items.

Pugh said Laidlaw has already secured commitments for delivery of 600 tons of recyclables monthly to the center.

"That's very encouraging," he said. "We'll have enough for one complete shift. We'd like to see the facility run two or three shifts."

— From The Telegraph

•Cleanup

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already performed on similar sites.

But, Tarpoff said, that amount will probably fall far short of the funds needed to cleanup all similar sites in the state. The city is now owed \$250,000 by the state for work already performed, Tarpoff said.

The IEPA will require the city to fund risk assessment studies at both the street department and fire station sites.

If the assessment at the street department shows that there is little danger to health or the environment, the city will be able to halt any further action at that site if it will sign a deed restriction assuring the state that the property will never again be used for residential purposes.

At the fire station, the risk assessment may show that contamination is coming from an off-site source. If that is the case, the owner of the source would be responsible for cleanup.

If no off-site source is identified, Tarpoff said, the IEPA will likely allow the city to cut way back on its cleanup effort and require only annual monitoring to ensure contamination does not become worse.

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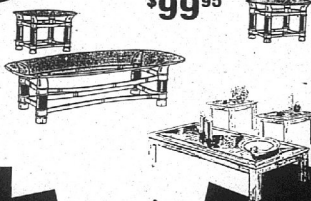
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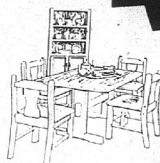
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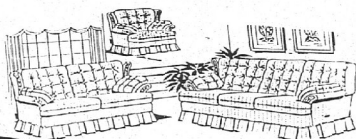
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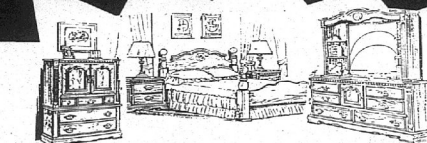
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Reichert on early roll with SEMO

The Ohio Valley Conference Pitcher of the Year in 1995 when she led Southeast Missouri State University to a conference title, Sara Reichert of Belleville is picking up where she left off and doing it with a large contingent of Southwestern Illinois area players.

After the Othakians' recent southern trip, which included games in Orlando, Fla., Reichert had a 3-0 record, highlighted by a one-hitter, and had allowed just 11 hits in 20 1/3 innings while striking out 24 and walking five.

Unbeaten in its first eight games, Southeast was on track to surpass last season's 38-20 record which included not just a 17-6 record and .85 ERA by Reichert but a 9-6 mark by Amy Johannsen, also a former Belleville West hurler.

While Johannsen has graduated, Reichert has maintained her No. 1 status. Joining Sara from Southern Illinois are Melissa Hartman, a freshman outfielder from O'Fallon; Jill Becker, a freshman catcher from Bethalto; Anne Wilson, a freshman outfielder, and Erin Frazier, a sophomore outfielder-infielder from Sparta; Jodi Smith, a senior outfielder from Murphysboro; Karen Matzenbacher, a junior outfielder from Marissa; and Christine Engelhardt, a freshman pitcher from Pinckneyville.

Already the holder of a SEMO record in 1994 with the best winning percentage by a freshman (12-2, .875), Reichert did not allow an earned run in her first four appearances this spring. With 32 victories by mid-March, she is on target to repeat as an all-conference selection and a threat to set additional school records, including career wins (79).

"Sara is a very intelligent pitcher," said SEMO coach Lana Flynn Richmond. "The OVC will be prepared for Sara this season, but I believe she will continue to be successful. It has been her trademark since her freshman year. She effectively keeps the ball away from the strong hitters and produces a lot of ground balls."

Reichert, the daughter of Jerry and Deborah Reichert of Belleville, Sara will have a chance to show the home folks her ability April 8 in action slated to begin at 3 p.m. at St. Louis University.

In Florida, Richmond set a goal of winning all but one game. Reichert and her mates surpassed that with an 8-0 start, a team batting average of .555 and a composite ERA of 0.36.

EXTRA INNINGS: Much mention will be made of the return of football at McKendree College by the fall of 1996, but before then the gridgers had best learn something from Bearcats basketball coach Harry Statham and baseball coach Dennis Pieper.

Statham not only took the 'Cats to their fourth trip to the NAIA national tourney in nine seasons, but nearly pulled off the upset of the second round before losing 95-87 to David Lipscomb of Nashville, Tenn.

"We raised some eyebrows and gained a lot of respect because we played them off the floor for about 30 minutes," Statham said.

Pieper echoed respect regarding a southern trip followed by a March 23 win over Trinity Christian, 6-4. "That win had Pieper noting: 'This team really enjoys the game. I think we're headed for a good season.'"

OVERTIME: The spring weather did not make me forget a February achievement of Norm Dohrmann of Milledale. On the same day he cut through eight inches of ice to fish in a lake behind his residence, he played 27 holes of golf in Chester.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRES)

Granite City junior Carrie Simpson (right) looks to win the ball during Wednesday's 7-1 win over Alton.

Field dominating early-season foes

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

After watching Collinsville High pitcher Matt Field throw, it seems he has some mystic power over opposing hitters.

Field, a senior right-hander, has an uncanny ability to freeze batters in the box. In just two games, Field already has 15 strikeouts on the season.

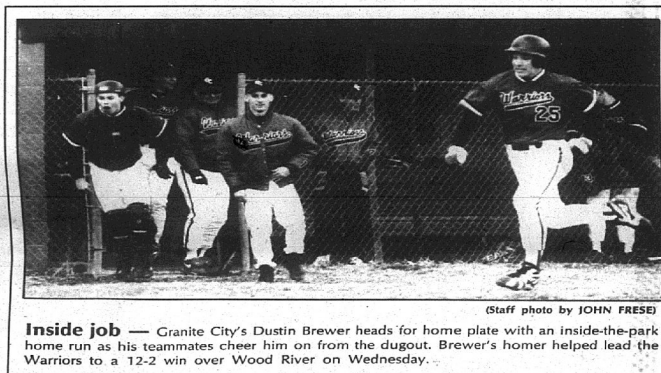
About two-thirds have come with the batter frozen in the box because he couldn't pull the trigger and



Matt Field, field, off to a 2-0 start, opened the season with a no-hitter.



swinging at the pitch. Field, off to a 2-0 start, opened the season with a no-hitter.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRES)

Inside job — Granite City's Dustin Brewer heads for home plate with an inside-the-park home run as his teammates cheer him on from the dugout. Brewer's homer helped lead the Warriors to a 12-2 win over Wood River on Wednesday.

Schooley captures 1st in YMCA meet

Justin Schooley of Granite City, swimming for the Edwardsville Breakers YMCA team, captured first place in the 50-yard freestyle YMCA State Swim Meet on March 16 at Midwestern University near Chicago.

Schooley's time of 28.20 seconds recorded electronically took first place over Ryan Whitsett of Oak Brook, who finished second overall with a time of 28.56.

Swimmers from the 55 YMCAs throughout the state of Illinois competed at the state meet. To qualify, Schooley competed in the 13-team St. Louis Area District meet held on the campus of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville on March 2-3.

In the district meet, Schooley set a St. Louis Area District record in the 50-yard freestyle, posting a time of 28.22 seconds. The previous record of 28.29 was held by Steven Deist of Edwardsville, who set the mark in 1991.

Schooley also competed at the district and state meets in the 100-yard individual medley. At the district meet, he earned second place. At state, Schooley finished 12th.

Schooley, 10, is also part of a relay team which performed well in both the district and state meets. The medley relay team of David Meyer (backstroke), Joe Broom (breaststroke), Steven Pifer (butterfly) and Schooley (freestyle) captured first at the district and second at state.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay at the district meet, the foursome earned first place while also setting a new district record with a time of 2:00.51.

Later, in one of the most exciting relay races of the state meet, the same four swimmers captured first place — with Schooley anchoring

(See SCHOOLEY, Page 3B)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRES)

Despite being the only three swimmers from GCHS to participate in the Springfield Sectional, the team of Tim Dittman (left), Zack Suhre (center) and Andrew Dresch produced a 6th-place finish for the Warriors.

GCHS trio swims way to sectional, 6th place

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

They may be the best-kept secret in the Granite City High School sports scene.

"They" are the three swimmers who make up the GCHS swim team: Andrew Dresch, Tim Dittman and Zack Suhre.

With no pool at the high school, and no coach at the high school to teach them, these three took the extra time and effort to keep themselves in shape. And it paid off.

The team placed sixth overall, in a field of 19 teams, at the IHSA Sectional, held Feb. 17 at Springfield Southeast High School.

Suhre, 17, may have had the best day, as he swam to third-place finishes in both the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events. Suhre swam the 50-

yard race in 23.84 seconds, and his time in the 100 was 51.82.

Meanwhile, Dresch, 16, placed third in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:33.35, and fourth in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:04.28.

And Dittman, 15, placed eighth in the 100-yard breaststroke and ninth in the 200-yard breaststroke.

All three swim at Paddlers Swim Club in the summer season. And all three also made the commitment to train at the Edwardsville YMCA during the winter.

The swimmers must compete in at least three YMCA-sponsored tournaments during the winter to qualify for the regionals, which is the best chance to swim against other top area

(See SWIMMERS, Page 3B)

Cold spell keeps GCHS off diamond

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The Granite City softball team has not had luck on 11th side this season.

The Lady Warriors were rained out of one game on Thursday, and had one opponent bow out because of the cold weather last Tuesday. The Lady Warriors have yet to play a game this season.

"We had Roxana not show up on Tuesday," said GCHS coach Debbie Germann. "I thought it was playable, and everybody else played that day, but they thought it was too cold."

"(Thursday), it started raining right about 2:30 or 3, and I got a call from the park saying the field at Diamond 8 wasn't playable. We tried to call (Civic Memorial) and tell them, but I guess they'd already left."

The Roxana game is scheduled to be made up Tuesday, and the Lady Warriors are hoping for drier weather. They now have four games scheduled for this week.

Wood River is scheduled to visit Granite City on Monday, and after the Roxana make-up, the Lady Warriors play their first away game at Mascoutah on Wednesday. The Southwest Conference schedule then begins Thursday as Alton visits GCHS.

"I don't know if we'll be able to make up that CM game or not," Germann said. "It's going to be for the first part of the month, and then the last two weeks have been cold and wet. We have make-up dates, but those are usually reserved for conference games. Maybe we can add a doubleheader date or two on the schedule."

In the interim, the Lady Warriors have been working mostly indoors to stay sharp.

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Sportfolio

Right: Amanda Wiley (left) of the Mendoza U-11 girls soccer team looks to get the ball past a Belleville defender during play at the Collinsville Pre-Easter Classic earlier this month. The tournament, which drew 97 teams, was held March 16-17 at the Collinsville Sports Complex.

Below: Mendoza's Mia Fagtongpun of Granite City (left) gives chase as a Belleville player moves the ball upfield.



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Above: Mendoza player Natalie Sebastian (left) meets the ball ahead of a defender.

Left: Neil Loftus of Granite City, a member of the Collinsville Independiente U-13 boys squad, looks upfield.

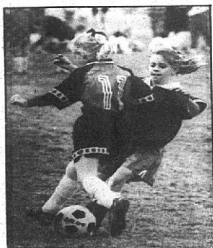
Below: Mendoza player Elaina Lidikay (right) eludes a defender.

Right: Mendoza's Lisa Wood (right) blocks a kick.

Below: Amy Harper (11) of Mendoza takes on a defender.



Below: Amanda Schnefke of Mendoza (middle) moves in to defend.



Right: Independiente player Patrick McKechan (right) battles O'Fallon's Stephen Price for possession.



Sports shorts

Baseball Barbecue

The GCHS baseball parents will hold an all-day barbecue on Saturday, April 6, at Ervay's Restaurant in Granite City. The proceeds from the barbecue will help offset the cost of new baseball uniforms. Tickets are available from any baseball parent and can be purchased in advance or at Ervay's on the day of the event.

Donkey basketball game

The Granite City High School Varsity Club will hold its annual donkey basketball games April 9 at Memorial Gymnasium. The main game features Granite City teachers against the Granite City Police Department. A second game will feature Varsity Club members versus the high school Student Council.

Tickets are priced at \$3 per person in advance, and \$4 at the door. Tickets are available at the high school's main office. This year, there will be a special treat for the younger fans, as the first 100 children under age 12 will receive a free donkey ride before the game.

Soccer registration

The Granite City Soccer Club, the joint organization formerly known as the Quad-Cities Soccer Association and the Madison County Girls Soccer

Association, is still taking open registration for boys and girls born from 1983-92.

The registration fee is \$30 per child and covers both the spring and fall seasons. For more information, call the soccer hotline at 876-9000.

Park District leagues

The Granite City Park District is now accepting entry fees for all T-ball, youth baseball, ponytail softball and all adult softball programs. Player and team registration is being taken at the Wilson Park office. The Park District also needs volunteer coaches for all youth programs.

The Park District will make every effort to find a team for any child wanting to play baseball or softball this year.

For general information regarding Park District programs, call the Wilson Park Office at 877-3669.

Also, the Park District has an apparent shortage of boys or girls in the age 7-10 range to play baseball. For more information on these teams, call John at 452-8473 no later than April 5.

Shoendienst Golf Tourney

Fonbonne College will hold the Red Shoendienst-Fonbonne College All-Star Golf Tournament on Monday, July 8 at the Glen Echo Country Club, located off Lucas and Hunt Road in St. Louis.

St. Louis Cardinals Hall-of-Famer Red Schoendienst will be the master of ceremonies, and will be joined by local personalities and current Cardinals players. The foursome scramble tourney will begin with registration at 10 a.m. July 8, and then a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.

Lunch and dinner will also be served for participants, and prizes, contests and awards will be handed out after the dinner. The cost for the tournament is \$50 per player, and \$1,350 per foursome. The cost includes greens fees, cart, driving range, lunch, cocktails, dinner, prizes and a gift packet. Special sponsorships are also available.

For more information, call (314) 889-1412.

The sixth annual Budweiser Softball Classic will be held May 18-19 at the Shiloh Eagles Park. The home run rule will be in effect. Entry fee is \$25 per team, and prize money will be based on the number of teams entered.

For more information, call Harry Shepherd at 632-0058 or Dan Davis at 236-6414.

SLUH camps

St. Louis U. High will offer

four separate weeks of basketball camps for boys in grades 3-8. The week-long sessions will be held June 10-14 and 17-21 and July 15-19 and 22-26.

The camps will be held under the direction of Junior Billikens coach Don Maurer, and will feature former SLUH players as well as other former local players. The fee for the camp is \$90. For more information, call 314-531-0330, extension 157.

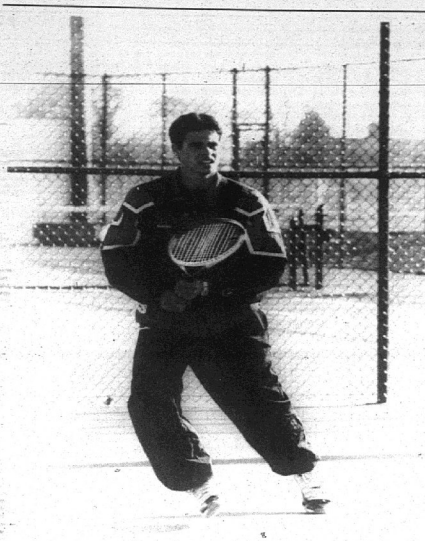
The high school will also hold a football camp during the week of June 10-14. The camp is for grade school boys entering grades 3-8, and will be held at SLUH Stadium on Oakland Avenue in St. Louis.

The camp will be directed by SLUH football coach Gary Kornfield, and will be non-contact in nature. The fee for the camp is \$45. For more information on the football camp, call (314) 531-0330, extension 171.

Scramble tourney

The Rawlings Softball Golf Tournament, a four-player scramble, will be held April 13 at Belk Park Golf Club in Wood River.

For more information, call Glen at (314) 939-0004 after 6 p.m.



(Photo by PAUL BAILLARGEON)

GCHS tennis player Aaron Bettorf plays a singles match during Tuesday's nonconference dual against Waterloo. The Warriors defeated the Bulldogs 6-1.

•GCHS

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Germann said the team did some running on Thursday, and also lifted some weights and worked in the batting cage. But she was concerned about the team's practices over the weekend, as there was a basketball tournament scheduled at GCHS over the weekend.

And although the team has

apparently not practiced regularly this group of girls wants to do that.

Still, even though the Lady Warriors are anxious to go, Germann said the atmosphere remains positive.

"We're still pretty loose, although we've just about done everything we can indoors," she said. "It's been a struggle, but we're all hanging in there."

•Schooley

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In a time of 1:56.55, Schooley came from behind to overtake Whitsitt, whose team took second place at 1:56.56.

Other Granite City swimmers who competed in the

state meet with Edwardsville were Matt Dittman, Andrew Dresch and Zack Suhre. Tim Dittman, Matt Yehling and Paul Yehling, all from Granite City, also swim for the Edwardsville Breakers.

•Swimmers

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swimmers. But they also needed a school employee to accompany them to the sectional meet. Tim Dittman's mother Janice, a teacher at Niedringhaus School, volunteered to travel with the team.

The high school therefore paid for the athletes' entry fees for the sectional.

"They needed a district employee to go with them, so that's how I got involved," Janice Dittman said. "I just went along. (GCHS Athletic Director) Jerry McKeehan took care of everything else."

"It was a neat experience, and I think the boys enjoyed swimming up there. But the whole thing was new to me."

A total of 83 boys were at the sectional, one of 16 held throughout the state by the IHSA. Of course, the high schools that have access to their own pools get the largest turnouts and have the most

success. Springfield High School, with 13 members on its team, placed first in the sectional.

Other Springfield teams like Southeast and Sacred-Heart placed ahead of the Warriors, but with two and three times the number of swimmers.

"The teams that had enough boys for relay teams had a big advantage," Dittman said. "Those teams could chalk up points big-time. It made a huge difference."

Suhre, a senior at GCHS, was participating in his fourth sectional. He said the competition is tough, and the time and effort spent getting there was difficult as well.

He added that even though there are a lot of good swimmers in Granite City, few will do what it takes in the winter months.

"Swimming in Edwardsville every night is tough, going to school all day and then running up there," Suhre said. "It's not easy to get to practice, and I think that keeps a lot of people away from it."

And Dresch, a junior, agreed: "It's an all-the-time thing. We come up here straight from school and practice. But it's something I'd like to do again next year."

Suhre is the veteran swimmer of the group, with 10 years of swimming experience under his belt. Dresch has swum for nine years, and Tim Dittman just six years.

"I wouldn't say it's hard practicing in the winter, just time-consuming," sophomore Tim Dittman said. "And swimming at the sectional is different, and not like the other meets we swim at during the season."

"I'd been there before, but it was the first time I'd placed," Dresch said. "I was out for 12 weeks after I broke a foot, and really just coming off the injury. But I'd say we did pretty

well considering the size of our team."

"There are a lot of good swimmers in town, but not that many our age," Suhre said. "There really aren't enough to make our team much bigger. I really enjoy swimming, and if I can find a college I'd like to walk on and swim for them."

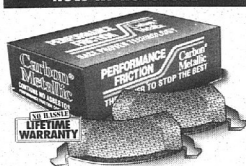
"We learned a lot from swimming at Paddlers, and then a lot more swimming at the Y," Tim Dittman said. "We had a good coach there, Bob Rette, and the program gave us plenty of work to keep us in good shape."

The bottom line is, there's hardly ever anyone at the meets to cheer the athletes on, and they don't get a lot of attention elsewhere. But it's just one more sport where Granite City can claim its share of quality athletes.

"They do all of this because they love the sport," Janice Dittman said.

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•Warriors•

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In three innings of work, Ahlers struck out seven of the 10 men he faced.

Offensively, several Warriors joined in the fun, especially in a six-run fourth inning that broke a 2-2 tie. Ryan Relleke led the way, going 2-for-3 with a home run and four RBI. Dustin Brewer had three RBI, including a triple, and Brian Lloyd, Kevin Harris and Brad Ervay each had two hits.

GCBS put the icing on the cake with a four-run sixth.

The Warriors' next scheduled game is Monday at home against CBC.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE)
Brad Ervay slides in safely on a passed ball during Wednesday's game.

•Field•

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hitter against Cahokia on March 21. In 11½ innings, he has given up just five hits. For his efforts, Field has been named the Illinois Journal's Cardinal Club Athlete of the Week.

"You are happy that you won the awards," said Field, who was also named the Journal's Class AA Player of the Year last spring. "It does help your motivation a lot. It makes you want to work harder because you know that many more people are going to be watching you, studying you, looking at what you do and how you act. It does help your motivation and makes you want to achieve more than what you have."

What Field has is definite motivation. The awards and postseason honors he has received haven't come by accident. Collinsville coach Steve McFall said Field is one of the team's hardest working players on days when he doesn't have to pitch that McFall has ever seen in his seven years as the Cahoks' head coach.

Field's hard work is evident, considering his 19-2 career record and .905 winning percentage at Collinsville.

"He's probably our best pitcher that I have had," McFall said. "We've had some

good pitchers, but I would say he is the premier pitcher. We knew he was a good pitcher when he came to us."

"He threw strikes and he threw the fastball. Those were the two things we saw early and often. I think those were the things we were satisfied he could do."

"Satisfied" is one word Field doesn't have in his vocabulary when it comes to pitching. Despite the wins, strikeouts and an 80-plus mph fastball, Field knows he is only as good as his last performance.

Field has two victories and an earned run average of 0.00 so far this spring, but the one thing he wants to talk most about is his disappointment in issuing four walks.

Field said he really does not pay much attention to his statistics, except for the number of base on balls he gives up.

"Your first goal has to be to win," Field said. "That's the main goal. You always want to put some good numbers, because if you bring up good numbers that means you are winning and you are doing something right. I try not to think about numbers too much, but I know if I am pitching well the numbers will come and if I'm not they won't."

Pitching is a very serious subject with Field. He believes he has been blessed with the

ability to be a potentially outstanding pitcher. He said it has been up to him to harness and develop that talent.

"I think the Lord gave me the gift to pitch," Field said. "I think He gave me that competitiveness and drive to be among the best. I just try to work as hard as I can to use that God-given ability to its potential until my baseball days are over."

"I think it all ties together in whatever you do. Like in school, you have to be competitive. You have to work hard and have a work ethic and want to do the best you can on your grades and your tests. Everybody has their own talent. They just have to work hard and be responsible."

It's that kind of attitude and drive, along with his pitching ability, that makes Field a Division I college prospect.

Western Illinois University has expressed a strong desire to have Field become a member of its pitching staff.

McFall thinks Field has the talents and makeup to be a successful collegiate hurler. "I think he will be a good pitcher at the next level," McFall said. "I think his other pitches will get better and I think he may even gain some velocity on the next level. I'm kind of expecting it."

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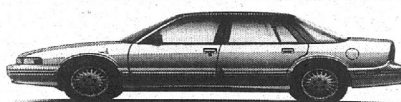
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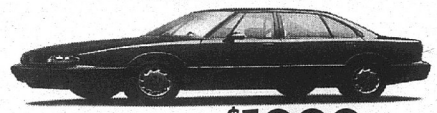
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Sell-out crowd watches comedian play victuals

Gallagher is a walking food fight

By Ellen Drenkhahn
Correspondent

The hammer banging, food-alinging maniac of comedy, Gallagher, breezed through Collinsville recently, leaving in his wake one messy stage and quite a few food-splattered spectators.

A sell-out crowd of 1,600 people crammed into the Gateway Convention Center to witness the master of muck slinging food and barbs quicker than the audience could duck.

The creator of the Sledge-o-Matic, who makes watermelons, and other assorted fruits, vegetables, and canned foods fly, did not disappoint his fans.

"We're here on a nice concrete floor, not some fancy, schmancy theater, so we're gonna let (things) fly (light). Let's see if we can make this (stuff) hit the ceiling where they forgot to put up plastic," yelled Gallagher to the cheering audience.

Long, black plastic drapes were hung around the stage to absorb the explosions of produce. The first 10 or 15 rows of chairs were also draped in plastic, as were the fans.

One never knew when the prankster would turn on the water jets, which he carefully concealed in his myriad stage props. He started the show by flinging water-drenched foam Frisbees, before turning on the squirting penguin.

Just when one thought it was safe to come out, Gallagher sprayed the unsuspecting crowd with water from the butcher block table on which he stood during most of his two-hour performance.

"You people are just too easy," laughed Gallagher time and again as new props were used to spray fans.

Many of those in attendance had never seen Gallagher in person, including one Gallagher

look-alike, Rich Ramsey of Granite City. Ramsey created a stir while waiting in line for Gallagher to sign autographs before the show. Many people thought Gallagher was playing a practical joke by infiltrating the line, especially as the entertainer was a little late in making an appearance.

"This happens to Rich all the time," said his wife, Lenny. "We can be sitting in a restaurant having dinner and people will ask Rich for an autograph," she said.

It was a resemblance that Gallagher noted himself a few minutes later.

"Hey, I bet people think you are me all the time, don't they? Too bad you can't make any money at it," quipped Gallagher, who threw a free video to Ramsey.

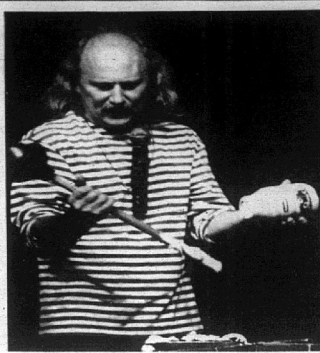
In line behind Ramsey was on old grade school classmate, Laura Mannisi, of Afton, Mo., with her husband, Tom.

"I heard him say his name, I couldn't believe it. I told Tom, I know that guy. We went to grade school together. He didn't look like Gallagher back then," she said.

"Well, that was before I got this receding hairline," said Ramsey lifting his beret. People of all ages flocked to the show, including a couple of high school girls from the Eureka, Mo., area, Amy Oppen and Megan Klingler.

"I was watching Channel One at school when the promo for the Gallagher show came on. Between classes I ran to my mom, who works at school, and borrowed her credit card to call for tickets. I watch Gallagher on VH1 all the time, but this is my first time to see him in person. I'm really excited," said Oppen.

Bruce Brown, his wife, and son, Brian, of Freeburg, had great aisle seats for the show. Brown, who stands 6-foot-4, and wears a tall black felt cowboy hat, proved to be wide protection for his wife, who chose to sit behind him.



Gallagher throws cuisine into the mix of his comedy routine.

(Photos by ELLEN DRENKHAHN)

him. Pat was one of the few people who sat near the stage who did not wear part of Gallagher's show home with her.

"I managed to duck behind Bruce and I didn't get hit with a thing all night. When Gallagher said he bought canned blackberries and cherries just for those women wearing white sweaters, I cringed," said Pat, looking at the clean, white sweater she wore to the show.

On-stage, the one-liners flew as fast as the crushed pineapple. No person or group was safe from Gallagher's scrutiny and sarcasm. Much of Gallagher's offbeat look at the State? Because they never learned to read," said Gallagher.

American politics and ethics cannot be printed, especially his remarks about the Clintons. "I don't want to be president, I not only inhale, I hold it in. I lived in the '60s; I know

what I'm talking about," said Gallagher. Rick Besse, of Troy, left the show smiling.

"That was a really good show, but I wouldn't want to be the guy who had to clean up that mess. We were sitting pretty far back, so we didn't have to worry. You know, I couldn't believe Gallagher was really coming to Collinsville. It took several phone calls for me to confirm that it was really him and not his brother," said Besse.

This may prove to be only Gallagher's first appearance in Collinsville.

The Gallagher organization was very pleased with the turn-out and expressed an interest in returning to this venue. I hope to have him back," said Mike Ross, executive director of Gateway Center.

As for the mess Gallagher left behind, Ross said the cleaning crew had the center back in tip-top shape by 9 a.m. Friday.

Horoscope

Sunday, March 31
While Saturn is still in the sign of subtle opportunities, Pisces, this is a perfect week to finally get moving on attaining your heart's desires. The luminous moon in Leo caresses the glorious Aries sun, indulging those who are sincerely looking for lifetime love partners. Solid investments concerning bio-technology and drug or physical therapies bring luck and fast profits.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Meddling onlookers don't help relationships. Stay away from power-mongers. Keep your future goals secret. Plunge into creative projects. Work done on commission leads to permanent career advances.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Your financial situation can be rescued by the proper experts. Consider changing to younger, more modern investors. Cash comes from repaid loans, sales of small items and contests. Having a younger lover may be best.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Confidence persuades parents, relatives and partners. You do have what it takes to alter your life goal. Act independently. Comply with rules or you'll needlessly complicate a situation. New contracts are better.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Keep focused. Recent setbacks are only temporary. Telephone calls bring results. Romantic have fun. You make a choice — it's about time. Don't preach — instead, set a good example. You have luck with a game.



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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Ooh-ee question your motives but you don't owe anyone an explanation. By keeping your current love guessing, you could be left out in the cold. Business success requires discipline — meet deadlines. Students receive honors.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 31)
It's a year of creativity in which musical, technical and business expertise come together. A move gets you out of a rut and a complicated relationship. Luck comes in July, when a part-time job turns permanent. Expect bonuses and raises in August and November. Start new business before '97. Investments become profitable by November. Love Aquarians and Leos. Marry in October. Travel in July.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Step up efforts to enhance or enlarge your sphere of responsibilities. Plunge into a new passion wholeheartedly. Take tests, write letters, and see prominent people. A money

crisis disappears with a surprise check.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Socialize, network, and get out and seek new people. Others adore your style and grace. Expect new prosperity from partners. Pongo romance, and get lovers wait for you. You have success with sports or games.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Think through long-standing problems — solutions are closer than you think. Try novel methods — buy equipment to simplify your life. Peace of mind with every cent. Explore a new romance. Travel is lucky.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Give yourself a second option. Let relatives decide on their own. A mid-winter trip is emotionally beneficial. You need time alone. Children take advantage of your generosity. Make dreaded telephone calls.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Get presentations ready — your timing is perfect. Explore new creative avenues for

financial gain. Relationships could founder if you are less than candid. Career luck comes through social connections used judiciously.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Fantastic energy comes from new friends. Join inspirational groups. Be vocal about your talents. Take pride in a past accomplishment — it can lead to greater things. Take the upper hand — your partner needs direction.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
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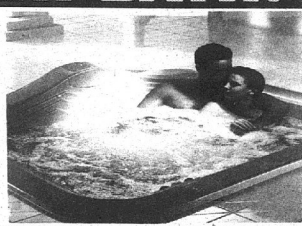
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The following is a list of classmates with unknown addresses: Sallie M. Adams, Carla Louise Agnanno, Belinda S. Allen, Michael Ray Allen, Nita Gail Allen, Bryan Dale Arendis, Cynthia Raczewski, Janet Day Baker, Edward Allen Barnes, Patricia Ann Barton, Sherry Ann Bauman, Edward D. Beebe, James N. Beebe, Terry Lee Brannan, Regina May Brantley, Donald Ray Briggs, Ronald Lee Briggs.

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The department is also working to include information from 31 sensor arrays they have installed in northern and west central Illinois. That information will provide a localized report of temperature, precipitation, wind speed and visibility.

The weather centers are designed to be user friendly and are operated with only eight keypads or a mouse. The system contains 24 pages of weather information that is continually updated by satellite feeds.

The weather systems will be installed at the following port-of-entry rest areas: Turtle Creek on Interstate 90 north of

Rockford near the Wisconsin border; Salt Kettle on Interstate 74 west of Danville; Cumberland Road on Interstate 70 near Marshall and west of the Indiana line; and Ft. Massac on Interstate 24 at Metropolis near the Kentucky border.

These rest areas are all staffed with tourism personnel, who will be trained in the operation of the weather center so they can assist motorists in searching out information they are interested in. The systems will be available to the public via tourism staff members are present.

IDOT will monitor the use of the system during a year-long test period and then decide if additional terminals should be installed in other rest areas and the hours of operation. Comment cards will be available to the system so the department can track usage and the most useful information to the traveling public.

Agriculture program open

The Illinois Department of Agriculture is accepting applications for the 1996 Illinois Agricultural Youth Institute.

"The Illinois Agricultural Youth Institute is an opportunity for high school students interested in agriculture to learn more about the industry and about the educational and career options available," said Director Becky Doyle. "The six-day institute provides a behind-the-scenes look at Illinois' food and agribusiness industry."

This year's program runs July 7-12 and will begin at the Memorial Camp and Conference Center in Monticello.

From there, participants will visit key businesses throughout the state, attend interactive workshops and take part in activities designed to enhance their leadership skills.

There is no fee for enrolling in the program. Lodging and meals are included.

Applications may be obtained by writing to the Illinois Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 1892, Springfield, IL 62794-9281, or by calling the department at 217-782-6675. (PAX: 217-524-5960; TDD: 217-524-6858).

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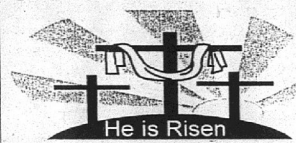
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A mutual support group comprised of people with diabetes, their families and people who have had their lives affected by diabetes. Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of every month from 9 to 11 a.m. in the hospital auditorium.

FIBROMYALGIA SYNDROME

This support group is for people with fibromyalgia syndrome (FMS) and their families. FMS is considered to be a widespread musculoskeletal pain and fatigue

disorder for which the cause is still unknown. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. in the auditorium.

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This support group is affiliated with the Illinois and Missouri Chapters of the Lupus Foundation of America. Meetings are held offering information and insight for coping with lupus on the third Tuesday of each month (except June - September) at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium.

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Mended Hearts is a volunteer organization consisting of people who have heart disease, their families, medical professionals and other interested people. Additionally, Mended Hearts members form a support group for one another, contributing emotional backing to recovering patients and their families. For more information, call Memorial's Social Service Department at 257-5420.

NU-VOICE

Conducted in cooperation with the American Cancer Society, the

Nu-Voice Club is for laryngectomies - people who have had their voice boxes (larynxes) removed. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information about meeting dates and times, call the Speech Pathology Department at 257-5255.

PULMONARY REHABILITATION

A group for people with diseases of the lung and their families. Individuals with chronic lung disease and their families learn about the disease, as well as share ideas and solutions to their problems. Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month (except June - August) at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

YOUNG ADULT CANCER

This mutual support group was formed for young adults with cancer and their significant others who are affected by the disease. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

Medical center to offer teen parent program

A program for teenagers, between the ages of 12 and 17, who are expecting a baby, is being offered by St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Women and Newborn Services Department.

The medical center is located at 2100 Madison Ave. in Granite City. The Young Mothers Prenatal Education Program offers prenatal care throughout your pregnancy, community service referrals and education classes. The next session of classes begins Wednesday, April 10, and meets in the solarium on 2-Doctors.



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Photosynthesis takes the carbon dioxide from the air and combines it with water to make sugars. And it all takes place in the green parts of plants. The green pigment is called chlorophyll, and this is what collects and focuses the energy in light to make sugar. Most photosynthesis takes place in the leaves, in a layer of cells. These cells are called the palisade layer, and they're near the upper layer of the leaf.

Carbon dioxide enters the palisade cells, where it's combined with water to make sugar. A by-product of all this, oxygen, is released to the air. The sugars are then transported to all parts of the plant.

We all depend on both the sugars and oxygen produced by plants, as do animals. So it's safe to say that basically all life on this planet depends on photosynthesis.

Light is the source of energy that combines carbon dioxide and water to make sugar. The more light the plant gets, the more sugar it produces, the faster it grows, and the more fruit or flowers it produces.

Surprisingly, plant growth actually takes place in only a few places, called the "growing points." They're usually in the roots and shoots, and in woody plants, just under the bark.

The growing points in the tips of shoots and roots are made up of tiny bunches of cells that repeatedly divide, building the plants' organs, but always remaining at the tip. The new plant parts move beyond them, and the new parts fill with water and swell, until they reach their full size.

A bud actually is a "growing point" that is temporarily dormant. On a tomato plant, for example, the buds begin growing as soon as they're formed, but on other plants they may remain dormant until the next spring, then all begin growing at once.

In a woody plant, the growth occurs under the bark. A sheet of cells lies between the wood and bark. The cells divide repeatedly, producing more cells toward the center and outside. During spring, when growth is fastest, large cells are made, while the growth slows in summer, smaller cells result. And it's this size difference that makes up those rings that are visible in the wood, which tells the approximate age of the plant.

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Jason Thompson will celebrate his 12th birthday April 3. Jesse Gribble will celebrate his 10th birthday April 3. John Lake will celebrate his 34th birthday April 4. Jonathan Soboleski will celebrate his seventh birthday April 4. Genevieve Kirksey will celebrate her birthday April 4. Kelly M. Kittel will celebrate her 18th birthday April 4. Carolyn Bruce will celebrate her birthday April 4. Jack Rice will celebrate his birthday April 4. Jeanette Rains will celebrate her birthday April 5. Robyn Lynn Levart will celebrate her third birthday April 6.

Eric Bruce will celebrate his first birthday April 6. Because of an over abundance of late milestones, we will no longer print after-the-fact birthdays or anniversaries. Notice must be sent on a postcard at least one week in advance of the publication date, e.g., Sunday, Jan. 14, for a birthday on Jan. 24.

For a mention in the milestones listings, send a postcard with the person's name, date of celebration and telephone number to: MILESTONES, Granite City Press-Record/Journal, 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, Ill., 62040.

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By Rita Glasstis, GRI, CRS

Ruined By Rumor

Nancy was frustrated. She had looked for months and finally found the perfect house for her lifestyle. Three nice bedrooms. Two full baths. Fireplace. Finished lower level. Freshly painted and newly carpeted in her colors. Even had a swimming pool. Best of all, the price was incredibly low considering the amenities and the area. But Nancy was not going to buy it.

A casual acquaintance said there was water in the basement. Told Nancy not to buy it because of it. The acquaintance never had been in the house. Only heard about the water from another person.

It was a false rumor. The seller had stated on the Seller's Disclosure that there had been no leakage in the basement during the six years he had lived there. But Nancy chose to believe the word of an almost stranger who had never stepped foot in the house.

Absurd situation? It actually happened. Nancy walked away from her dream house because of unfounded gossip. Even if the rumor had been true, it should not have been a reason not to buy. Every house in the metropolitan area probably will have at least a trickle of water in its basement during its lifetime. Why?

This is an area of predominantly clay soil. When clay dries it shrinks. Cracks form. When it rains water will run the path of the cracks. If one of those cracks heads toward your basement, so will the water. After the rain the clay may shift, the crack fill and you may never see water again. What should you do if you suspect the house you are considering purchasing might have a water problem?

First, don't panic.

Second, discuss your concerns with the seller. Sometimes leaks may be drying. For instance, water marks on a baseboard in a finished basement could come from washing the floor. A water spot on a basement ceiling simply may be the result of a sweating duct. Or the spray from opening a beer can.

Third, if still not satisfied, seek the advice of a reputable waterproofing company. They can determine if there is a problem and direct you toward the solution.

Most important, don't be misled by hearsay and rumors. Nancy's dream was destroyed because of them. Consider the source. Never let anyone but you burst your bubble.

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Travelers abroad in Jordan and Israel Organizations

Travelers Abroad held its March 25 dinner meeting at Jerry's Cafeteria with 15 members in attendance. Dr. Alice Purdes, president, welcomed the group. The winners of dinners-for-two at Jerry's were Marge O'Neill and Marguerite Lexow.

Purdes and Betty Townsend presented the narrated slide program on Jordan and Israel. The slides were a composite of three trips made by Purdes and a joint trip made by her and a friend. Throughout the presentation, it was emphasized that many things have changed since they were there. During the first trip, Purdes was studying for an advanced degree and, as students, the groups she was with saw in-depth portions of the area, not just those places normally covered by ordinary tourists to the region.

The program started with their air entry from Beirut, Lebanon, to Jerusalem. Their first excursion as they entered the upper part of Jerusalem through St. Stephen's Gate was to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where Christ was scourged. Next to this church was a Franciscan Seminary.

Among the priests at this seminary was Father Sellers, a doctor of archaeology and an authority on the Holy Land. He also was a personal friend of Father Engelbert, of St. Mary's Church in Madison. They had gone to school together while studying for the priesthood. Of course, Purdes carried greetings to him from his longtime friend and family.

The original way of the cross started at this church where "Jesus was condemned to die." Every Friday, pilgrims follow this original way of the cross, which was followed by Christ on Good Friday. The slides showed soldiers looking down from a window on Hagia Sophia's Arch as they watched the pilgrims; additional slides showed the "stations" where Jesus fell, where Simon of Cyrene helped him carry the cross, where Veronica wiped his face and where he comforts the women of Jerusalem.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, built in the 12th Century by the Crusaders on the site of Calvary, contains many objects which mark the events of the life of Jesus, including the Holy Sepulchre, where Christ's body was entombed. The final five stations of the cross are all found in this church.

Within the Church of the Ascension are walls dating back to the first church erected on the site from which Jesus ascended into heaven. Mass is held here on Ascension Thursday.

Additional slides showed the "Palm Sunday" route, followed by Christ as he walked to Jerusalem. Purdes said that walking through Jerusalem was like walking through the pages of a Bible history book.

Along the walk is a walled-up gate that was closed by Muslims. It is known as the "Golden Gate" and is where he cured the blind man and also where he threw the money changers out of the temple.

The Muslims believe Christ will open the gate when he comes.

Slides showing continuing excavations at the Mount of Olives pictured Father Sellers as the director of the work. Purdes was there, a solid gold monkey was unearthed. Bone boxes of Christians also were discovered during this excavation. Within the city of Jerusalem are three faiths, Christian, Muslim and Jew.

The Church in the Garden of Gethsemane and the Basilica of the Church of the Nations are two of the churches here. There are eight ancient olive trees here, reputed to be possible offshoots of those that were there at the time of our Lord. The Church of St. Mary Magdalene is nearby and is a Russian church with several onion-shaped cupolas, built in 1888 by Czar Alexander III.

Slides taken during a drive through the Kidron Valley showed the Tomb of Absalom, the rebellious son of David, and the tombs of King Jotham and St. James the Less.

Additional pictures showed the Basilica of St. Anne, over 800 years old, but well preserved and simple. There are no ornaments here. This was built on the site of a cave, which was the home of Ann and Joachim, the parents of the Virgin Mary. A small altar in the lower level of the Basilica marks the place where Mary was born. In this area, workers have been excavating for several years on an arch.

Solomon's Temple comprises 1/5 of the area of the City of Jerusalem. It is also called Mount Moriah. Within these walls is the Dome of the Rock, where the verse of the Koran is written around. This is an example of Moslem architecture and is considered among the most beautiful monuments in the world. Some of the buildings were damaged during the war, but where Mary and Joseph stayed. The pinnacle where the devil tempted Jesus is within this compound.

The students followed the same road to Bethlehem as the Holy Family and the Three Wise Men. Views of Bethlehem included the Moslem Temple erected on the spot where Mary and Joseph stayed. Near it was the site of the Church of the Nativity, where Jesus was born. It has a very small door for its entrance with two functions — it keeps the camels out and it automatically forces people to bow when entering. This is the oldest Christian church in the world.

The original manger scene beneath the church is still mainly a cave with steps leading down from the main altar to the entrance of the cave and manger. Christmas services are broadcast from this church on Jan. 6, the Greek Orthodox celebration day.

At the time Purdes was there, she saw numerous refugee camps along the road to Jordan. Qumran in Jordan was of interest because it stands on the shores of the Dead Sea, where the famous Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Work on these scrolls continues in the Palestine Archaeological Museum's Scrolling. They are written in Hebrew and Aramaic. One slide showed cave four, where the important find was located. They were hidden there by the Essenes, who were running from invaders. Purdes said it was a very difficult climb to get through cave four. The climb is not pushed commercially.

On one of the trips, which included many Baptists, one gentleman had come for the express purpose of being baptized in the River Jordan. Slides showed the participants getting ready for the ceremony, which almost turned into a disaster.

The gentleman and the minister had ventured too far out and began to have trouble staying above water. Two other members of the group jumped into the water fully clothed and rescued the two. After they got sufficiently recovered, the original two persons reentered the water, but much closer to shore, and the baptism proceeded. This was the same river in which John had baptized our Lord.

Later, the men said there was a strong undertow and water kept filling their empty clothes, making it almost impossible to stay afloat.

Father along the road, the slides showed the Good Samaritan Inn, now being used by the Arabs as a guard house.

Jerusalem, Jordan, and Jerusalem, Israel, are divided by "No Man's Land" and tourists may go from Jordan to Israel by passing through the Mandelbaum Gate, the rebelious son of David, and the group bid farewell to their Arab guide and met their Jewish guide on the other side. They were fortunate that a cab was allowed to take them through the "No Man's Land" instead of them having to carry it themselves. They walked, Slides of King David's Tomb and the Room of the Last Supper were shown. These slides are in the control of the Moslems. Sandbags were highly visible on the buildings near "No Man's Land." A nearby church serves as a lookout tower for the Israelis.

Additional slides showed the ruins of Caesarea, the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, a panoramic view of Nazareth and Jesus' boyhood home, which was a cave. A church is now built over the site.

The tour group exited the country through Tel-Aviv.

Displays of artifacts purchased showed many items of wood pieces, as well as mother-of-pearl items. All made.

Other members attending the meeting were James and Dorothy Hoebeck, Helen Lili, Rose Schmidt, Stephanie Rusic, Violet and Stanley Stimac, Mary Louise and Thomas, Ray Kinder and Barbara Williams.

The next meeting, is April 22.

Old Six Mile

The Old Six Mile Historical Society will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, April 1, at Central Christian Church, 2020 Johnson Road in Granite City. Parking is available in the rear of the church.

The topics will include the townships of Chouteau, Granite City, Nameoki and Venice. Delores Gaines, manager of Protestant Welfare, will talk about the history of Protestant Welfare.

There will be no admission fee. Attendance prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 931-1352.

Educational

Office Personnel

The Granite City Association of Educational Office Personnel held its monthly meeting March 25. The group met at Granite City High School and went by van to the Blue Springs Restaurant in Highland. Those attending were Kristen Hamilton, Sonya Obnesian, Vivian Broadwater, Louise Moad, Berta Milianis, Betty Grote, Barbara Bilbey and Arlene Smith.

Moad, president, welcomed the members and conducted the business session. Milianis gave a report on the annual spring conference of the Illinois Association of Education in Office Personnel that she attended with Nancy Rosales, Arlene Haldeman and Lucille Caban. The meeting was held at the buildings near "No Man's Land." A nearby church serves as a lookout tower for the Israelis.

The nominating committee for the 1996-97 school year was appointed. The slate of officers will be presented at the April meeting, which will be held at the Moonlight Restaurant in Godfrey.

Following the business session, dinner was served and a social time was enjoyed.

TOPS

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) held their monthly night and installation of new officers March 28.

Awards were presented to Ruth McIntyre, Barbara Trebins, Gloria Harrison, Kathy Pickler and Pat Martin for substantial weight loss.

Awards were also presented to the KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly) to Rex Buckingham.

Mildred Fehling, JoAnn Harrison, Mary Hellinger, Ellen Kuykendall, Cella Schreiber, Tillie White and Gladys Williams.

New officers installed were Rex Buckingham, leader; JoAnn Harrison, co-leader; Kuykendall, secretary; Ellen Kuykendall, treasurer; and Juanita Buckingham, Mary Hellinger and Bonnie Bridges, weight reducers.

The chapter meets at 6:45 p.m. every Tuesday at the Anchorage Homes, 2909 Edwards St. in Granite City. For more information, call TOPS at 791-2724.

Eight and 40

of Salton 53

The Eight and 40 of Madison County Salton 53 held its meeting in New Douglas on March 19 with the following hostesses: Irene Schneck, Geraldine Granger, Elsie Schack and Judy Zimmerman. Thirteen partners were present.

Elsie Viererger, chapeau, conducted the business meeting.

Adeline Drury, a amonier, asked for prayers for a book of prayers to be made. She reported all partners wearing their pins and their red and white.

Under the children and youth program, the "Mother's Day Tea" envelopes were distributed for donations for cystic fibrosis.

Schneck, nurses scholarship chairman, collected \$7.35 for this fund.

Drury won the attendance prize.

The departmental chapeau party will be held Tuesday, April 2, at the Innkeeper Restaurant in Hamel. Plans were finalized for a program of music using children's songs. Collections were made for the campership and other funds.

An invitation to the departmental chapeau party in Salem was received. Several Madison County partners will attend.

A greeting and a donation check were received from Kathryn Roberts, a partner who moved to Columbia, Mo. A thank-you note will be sent to her.

Bingo was played following the meeting.

Those attending from this area were Patricia Bradley, Norma Hillmer and Dorothy Hinson.

Movie schedules

Film timetable for Sunday, March 31. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

ALTON CINE
2640 Clair St., 462-1311
The Bridge (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:25
Executive Decision (R) 1:45, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55

CARMIEK PETITE
170 and Hwy. 187, Collinsville, 344-7078
Homeward Bound 2 (G) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30
Up Close and Personal (PG-13) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30
Rumble in the Bronx (R) 1:15, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30
Oliver and Company (G) 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10

CRESTWOOD PLAZA 10
248 Crestwood Plaza, 968-8500
Muppet Treasure Island (G) 1:00, 3:30, 5:40
Broken Arrow (R) 7:50
Leaving Las Vegas (R) 1:10, 5:25, 8:05

Race the Sun (PG) 1:15
Oliver & Company (G) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30
Fargo (R) 5:00, 7:45, 8:10
Up Close and Personal (PG-13) 1:40, 5:25, 8:15
Executive Decision (R) 1:55, 5:00, 8:00
Little Indian, Big City (PG) 1:25
Executive Decision (R) 5:15, 8:15
A Family Thing (PG-13) 1:20, 5:00, 7:35, 10:00

CROSS KEYS CINEMA
110 Cross Keys Shopping Center
Lindbergh & New Hall Ferry, 821-8999
Babe (G) 12:45
Grumpy Old Men (PG-13) 2:30, 6:50
Waiting to Exhale (R) 4:25, 8:50
Jumanji (PG) 12:45, 5:00, 7:45, 10:00
The American President (PG-13) 9:00

DES PERES 14 CINE
Manchester 12, 822-4900
All Dogs Go to Heaven 2 (G) 1:45, 2:10, 5:00, 7:45, 10:00
Broken Arrow (R) 9:15
Diabolique (R) 1:00, 4:50, 7:45, 10:00
Oliver & Company (G) 12:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30
The Bridge (R) 12:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:45
Little Indian, Big City (PG) 12:35, 2:40, 5:10
Race the Sun (PG) 7:35, 9:50
Up Close and Personal (PG-13) 12:50, 4:15, 7:20, 9:55
A Family Thing (PG-13) 12:15, 2:40, 5:55, 7:55, 10:20
Homeward Bound 2 (G) 12:10, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00
Happy Gilmore (PG-13) 9:15
Executive Decision (R) 1:10, 5:00, 8:00, 10:45
Fargo (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30
Dead Man Walking (R) 12:45, 4:40, 8:20, 9:20
Mr. Holland's Opus (PG) 1:00, 4:05, 7:15, 10:15
Girl 6 (R) 12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 8:10, 10:30
Sgt. Bilko (PG) 11:30, 2:00, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30

EASTGATE CINE
Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton, 254-8289
Oliver & Company (G) 12:15, 2:15, 4:30, 6:30
Diabolique (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:30
All Dogs Go to Heaven 2 (G) 11:45, 2:00, 4:15, 6:45

Sgt. Bilko (PG) 12:00, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00
Up Close and Personal (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:15
Dead Man Walking (R) 1:15, 4:40, 7:00
COTTONWOOD EDWARDS
Edwardsville, Ill.
Oliver & Company (G) 2:15, 4:15, 6:45, 8:45
Happy Gilmore (PG-13) 2:00, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30
Sgt. Bilko (PG) 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15

ESQUIRE CINE
676 E. Main, 781-3300
The Bridge (R)
Sgt. Bilko (PG)
Dead Man Walking (R)
Executive Decision (R)
Executive Decision (R)
Girl 6 (R)
All Dogs Go to Heaven 2 (G)
Rumble in the Bronx (R) Check theater for times

EUREKA 6 CINE
800 Hilltop Village Center, 822-4900
Executive Decision (R) 1:30, 5:00, 8:10, 10:45
Oliver & Company (G) 1:05, 3:10, 5:15, 7:30, 9:30
Sgt. Bilko (PG) 1:00, 3:30, 5:30, 7:40, 9:20
Diabolique (R) 1:35, 4:55, 7:25, 9:45
The Bridge (R) 1:25, 4:50, 7:35, 10:00
All Dogs Go to Heaven 2 (G) 1:10, 3:15, 5:05, 7:20, 9:35

GALLERIA 6
30 St. Louis Galleria, 721-8722
Oliver & Company (G)
Diabolique (R)
Homeward Bound 2 (G)
Oliver & Company (G)
Mr. Holland's Opus (PG)
Little Indian, Big City (PG)
Family Thing (PG-13)
Up Close and Personal (PG-13)
Check theater for times

HALLS FERRY 14 CINE
2600 Target Drive, 822-4900
The Bridge (R) 1:30, 4:40, 7:25, 10:15
Race the Sun (PG) 1:20, 2:25, 5:10
Lindbergh 4 (R) 7:35, 9:50
Sgt. Bilko (PG) 12:40, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:40
Diabolique (R) 1:25, 4:10, 7:20, 9:55
Once Upon a Time When We Were Colored (PG) 12:15, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40, 10:05
A Family Thing (PG-13) 12:00, 2:15, 4:35, 7:00, 9:30
Oliver & Company (G) 1:15, 3:25, 5:30, 7:30, 9:25
Homeward Bound 2 (G) 12:45, 2:55, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30
All Dogs Go to Heaven 2 (G) 12:30, 2:35, 4:55, 7:05, 9:00
Executive Decision (R) 1:20, 4:30, 7:40, 10:50
Sgt. Bilko (PG) 12:35, 3:00, 5:20, 7:50, 10:10
Girl 6 (R) 1:35, 4:20, 7:00, 9:20
Up Close and Personal (PG-13) 1:45, 4:45, 7:05, 10:25
Can't Be a Man (PG) 1:45, 5:50, 8:45, 9:20
From Dusk Till Dawn (R) 3:30, 7:45

KELLER PERRY 8 CINE
Lemay Ferry & Main Avenue, 822-4900
The Bridge (R) 1:15, 4:30, 7:25, 9:40
ED (PG) 2:30, 5:20, 8:20
Rumble in the Bronx (R) 8:15
Up Close and Personal (PG-13) 1:30, 1:50, 4:15, 7:15, 9:20
Race the Sun (PG) 1:10, 3:10, 5:15, 7:30, 9:40

KINGS LAND
680 Grand Center, 822-8228
Jumanji (PG) 2:45, 4:50, 7:00, 9:30
Grumpy Old Men (PG-13) 2:45, 4:50, 7:00, 9:30
Dead Man Walking (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30

KIRKWOOD CINEMA
330 E. Kinross Road, 815-1161
Babe (G) 12:15, 4:10
The Postman (PG) 12:00, 6:00, 8:10
The Star Maker (R) 2:10, 8:10
The Mighty Aphrodite (R) 4:15
Angels & Insects (R) 2:15, 8:15
Beautiful Girls (R) 10:15

LINCOLN THEATER
103 E. Main (Belleville), 223-0123
Jumanji (PG) 1:30, 7:15, 9:20
Eve for an Eye (R) 1:45, 7:05, 9:00
Grumpy Old Men (PG-13) 2:00, 7:00
Brides of Madison County (PG-13) 8:55

LINDBERGH 8
7845 S. Lindbergh, 487-0017
The American President (PG-13) 1:40, 4:40, 7:05, 9:30
Tom & Huck (PG) 1:30, 3:30, 5:05
Grumpy Old Men (PG-13) 7:20, 9:20
Grumpy Old Men (PG-13) 1:30, 4:35, 7:00, 9:25
Eye For an Eye (R) 1:35, 4:55, 7:30, 9:50
Father Of The Bride 2 (PG) 1:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:25
Graveyard Book (PG) 1:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:25
Jumanji (PG) 1:25, 4:50, 7:25, 9:40
Babe (G) 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:15, 9:20

MID RIVERS MALL
1220 Mid Rivers Dr., 278-2778
Homeward Bound 2 (PG) 12:15, 2:15, 4:45, 7:20
Happy Gilmore (PG-13) 9:30
Executive Decision (R) 1:00, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55
The Bridge (R) 12:10, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50
Oliver & Company (G) 12:00, 1:45, 3:30, 5:15, 7:00, 9:00
Sgt. Bilko (PG) 12:30, 2:50, 5:00, 7:30, 9:40
Up Close and Personal (PG-13) 12:30, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 9:45
NAMEOKI CINEMA
30 Nameoki Village, 877-6630
Happy Gilmore (PG-13) 2:15, 4:30, 7:10, 9:55

Executive Decision (R) 11:30, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
Little Indian, Big City (PG) 1:15, 3:15, 5:05
Executive Decision (R) 8:20
Oliver & Company (G) 1:10, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
Muppet Treasure Island (G) 1:00, 3:00, 5:10, 7:15, 9:20

KENRICK & CINE
7505 Watson Road, 822-4900
Sgt. Bilko (PG) 1:10, 2:25, 5:15, 8:10, 10:45
Diabolique (R) 12:30, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15
The Bridge (R) 1:00, 4:25, 7:25, 10:05
All Dogs Go to Heaven 2 (G) 12:30, 2:30, 4:45, 7:10
Happy Gilmore (PG-13) 9:10
Mr. Holland's Opus (PG) 12:35, 4:05, 7:00, 10:00
Homeward Bound 2 (G) 12:50, 2:10, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Down Periscope (PG-13) 12:20, 2:40, 4:55, 7:20, 9:40
Dead Man Walking (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30

NORTHWEST SQUARE 10
1110 Old St. Charles Rock Road, 281-0055
Dead Man Walking (R)
Mr. Holland's Opus (PG)
Homeward Bound 2 (G)
Diabolique (R)
The Bridge (R)
City Hall (R)
Hellraiser 4 (R)
All Dogs Go to Heaven 2 (G)
Down Periscope (PG-13)
Ed (PG) Check theater for times

QUAD CINEMA
Belleville, Ill.
Sgt. Bilko (PG) 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9:15
Executive Decision (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Up Close and Personal (PG) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00
Diabolique (R) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00

RITZ 3 THEATER
402 E. Main, Belleville, 233-3536
Jumanji (PG) 1:45, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40
Brides of Madison County (PG-13) 1:00, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15
Grumpy Old Men (PG-13) 2:00, 7:00, 9:30

ROXANA CINE THEATER
Roxana, Ill., 254-4746
Homeward Bound 2 (G) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00

ST. ANDREWS CINEMA
Belleville, Ill., 447-1133
Babe (G) 12:45
Jumanji (PG) 2:35, 7:00
Grumpy Old Men (PG-13) 4:45, 8:15, 9:20
All Dogs Go to Heaven 2 (G) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00
The Bridge (R) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:30
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Aerie presidents recognized — Granite City Aerie presidents who attended the joint 90th anniversary and mortgage burning ceremony at the Granite City Eagles 1126 home, 2558 Madison Ave. in Granite City, on Jan. 6 include, from left, front row, William Hayes, 1950-51; James Lipchik, 1948-49; Edward McGovern, 1960-61; Kenneth Spencer, 1989-90; and Robert Sanders, 1979-80; back row, John Halwachs, 1992-93; Bob Hogan, 1988-89; Don Horn, 1987-88 and 1991-92; Luther "Bud" Shaffer, 1986-87; Larry Barnhart, 1985-86; and Randall Odom, 1983-84 and 1993-94. The local aerie was instituted on Aug. 19, 1905. The local auxiliary was chartered Oct. 2, 1928.

Young at Heart planning trips

Eighty-four Young at Heart members of the Holy Family Catholic Church, along with guests, enjoyed a corned beef, ham and cabbage dinner March 18.

Guests included Father William Fisher, Father James Keefe, Sister Jean Patrick, Sister Mary Alice and Sister Dolores.

Cleola Siebert, president, welcomed Young at Heart members. Fisher, who reported the minutes of the February meeting were read by the recording secretary, Cleo Schefke, followed by the treasurer's report, given by Katherine Berosky.

In the absence of the corresponding secretary, Jean Francis, Mary Rita Ahlers reported getting a thank-you card from the Art Bertacchi family for the memorial Mass. Sympathy cards were sent to Cecelia Cruse and Norma Tankersley on the loss of their family members. A get-well card was sent to Ann Bucky.

Birthday celebrants in March were Patrick, Siebert, Aileen Pirtle, Winifred Kelly, Ann Vasquez, Frances Pelate, Francis Galliar, Mattie Seifroff, George Yevin and Catherine Wiese.

Connie McGee, membership chair, reported 79 members in attendance, along with one new member, Rose Steele, who was introduced.

Irma Manning, trip chair, reported the trip on the Goldenrod Showboat to see "Singing in the Rain" is scheduled for April 25. The bus will leave the Holy Family Catholic Church parking lot at 11 a.m. A trip is once again scheduled May 7 for a cruise on the Peoria Paradise Boat. Special features are coupons for lunch, two cruises back-to-back and a prime rib dinner when leaving the boat. The cost is \$8.95 per person. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 8:45 a.m. and return home at 8:30 p.m.

The Young at Heart members donated \$50 to the Ladies Club for the Catholic Charities Lavette Program.

Attendance prizes were won by Wilma Jones, Victoria McQuay, Bill Zinn, Warren Bequette, Gladys Skubish, Ann Konopka, Mary Venorsky, Ruth Novacek and Wiese.

A scholarship committee was established to determine the guidelines for the grade school recipient of a Catholic high school scholarship.

The remainder of the evening was spent playing bingo. The next meeting will be held April 15 in the Holy Family Church Community Center.

AARP

A special dinner and dance will be held Friday, April 12, at the Granite City Township Hall, 2060 Delmar Ave. in Granite City, to honor the American Association of Retired Persons volunteer palbearers, who have saved the community for more than 17 years.

The doors open at 5 p.m. The dinner, served at 6 p.m., will be provided by Jerry's Catering. Dance to the music of Jerry's Kids at 7 p.m.

Admission is \$6.50 per person. Tickets may be purchased from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday at the AARP desk at the township hall or by calling 877-1215 or Pauline Hanson, president, at 877-3020.

Garden Study Club

The Garden Study Club held its March meeting at the Honey Bee Restaurant in Edwardsville.

The meeting was called to order by Mary Stonum, president, with the Club Collect and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The club welcomed six new members, Mildred Boyd, Mary Hodges, Erin Henson, Anne Fitzgerald, Amanda Henson and Kathleen Hodges.

The club held an installation of new officers. They are Helen Mih, president; Kate Kostoff, vice president; Carla Fitzgerald, secretary; and Ruth Polsum, treasurer.

A luncheon was served to Mary Stonum, Marie Oteken, Ellen Amsler, Polsum, Nancy

Morgan, Carla Fitzgerald, Dusty Peters, Meyer's Mih, Kostoff, Chris Hornberger, Boyd, Mary Mang and Irene Poroghadi.

The next meeting will be held April 3 at Baldos Restaurant in St. Louis.

Navy Mothers' Club

The Navy Mothers' Club members met at the China Buffet for dinner recently. They then held their regular meeting at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Mary Ann Rollberg, commander. Edna Miller, chaplain, offered the opening prayer. The members gave the Pledge of Allegiance and the Navy Mothers' Preamble.

The sick committee chairman, Marian Lipscomb, reported that Jean Teller was discharged from St. Elizabeth Medical Center and has returned home.

In new business, it was decided that the Navy Mothers' Club would participate in the Granite City centennial celebration, which will be held in June.

No further business was discussed and Miller offered the closing prayer. The members gave the Navy Mothers' Pledge.

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Rollberg closed the meeting. The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. April 11 at Lee's.

Old Six Mile Historical Society

The Old Six Mile Historical Society's 11th annual spring dinner and dance was held March 23. The entertainment was presented by the Grigsby Middle School Chorus under the direction of Donald Stratton, choral director.

The group traced Granite City's musical heritage for 100 years, starting with "Yankee Doodle Dandy," until the present time. Their rendition of

the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" was enjoyed by all. The audience gave the singers a standing ovation at the close of the musical program.

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BEAUTY AND THE BEASTS

A wildlife garden brings one more living dimension to your yard. Providing basic needs—food, water, and shelter—assures that birds and friendly furry critters will flock to your garden.

If you build it, they will come—flapping, paddling, creeping, waddling... No matter where you live, a landscape lush with water, food, and shelter will become a wildlife bonanza—one that invites wild birds, butterflies, and critters of all kinds, and makes your garden and landscape a spectacular showcase of colors, sounds, and antics. It's actually quite easy to invite wildlife and keep them as permanent residents if you follow some basic guidelines.

THE DRAW OF WATER

Whether it's splashing, burbling, or calm, water possesses a great deal of animal magnetism.

Creatures will flock for a sip, turtles and frogs will thrive in the water itself, and larger animals, such as rabbits, raccoons,

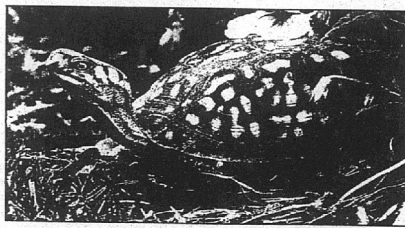
opossums, and deer, will visit larger ponds. You can also stock a pond with fish and snails.

Include trees, shrubs, or fencing near the pool so animals have a nearby perch to soak in some sun, as well as a safety hatch should predators prowl. Keep the area around the water open enough, however, so cats and other predators can't hide within striking range.

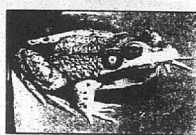
To help smaller creatures drink safely, include some shallow, calm water and use logs or flat stones to create partially submerged perches. Keep birdbaths shallow, clean, and filled, even during the winter.

A BACKYARD BUFFET

The way to win an animal's heart is through its stomach. A yard rich in seeds, nectar, nuts, and fruit will beckon hungry wildlife. The greater



Box turtles will lumber after slugs in a moist garden. With protective foliage and water, frogs are free to snag insects.



variety of food, the better your smorgasbord of wildlife to watch.

Trees. Along with offering protection and nesting sites, trees top the list of food sources, either by bearing insects that are a treat for birds. Favorite tree species include beech, box elder, crab apple, flowering crab, hackberry, hawthorn, hemlock, horse chestnut, mountain ash, mulberry, red and

white oak, redbud, red cedar, red maple, Russian olive, serviceberry, spruce, sweet gum, white pine, and wild cherry.

Shrubs. Especially savory fruit-bearing shrubs, vines, and plants include bittersweet, blackberry, cranberry, currant, elderberry, flowering quince, gooseberry, honeysuckle, nannyberry, privet,

pyracantha, raspberry, red osier dogwood, rugosa roses, strawberry, viburnum, wild grape, and yew.

Flowers. Almost any bloom will bring some wildlife, but bright-colored, potentially fragrant, nectar-rich flowers draw creatures by the droves. Mix flowers to ensure blooms from spring through fall.

All types of wildlife will make a beeline for such all-around appetizing flowers as these: ajuga, allium, anemone, aster, Autumn Joy sedum, bellflower, butterfly bush (buddleia), butterfly flower (acalepha), campion, chrysanthemum, coreopsis, cranesbill geranium, dayflower, daylily, false dragonhead, goateard, goldenrod, helianthus, iris, lady's mantle, lamb's ears, liatris, love-lies-bleeding, lythrum, marigold, mullein, pansy, peony, philox, prince's feather, Queen-Anne's lace, rudbeckia, sage, sunflower, verbena, yarrow, and zinnia.

That menu should entice a nice variety of wildlife, but you can also target some species specifically.

- Hummingbirds will hover over azalea, bee balm, columbine, evening primrose, four-o'clock, fuchsia, hollyhock, jewelweed, manzanita, morning-glory, painted-cup, petunia, rose-of-Sharon, scarlet sage, tiger-lily, and trumpet vine.
- Butterflies will love chives, coneflower, cornflower, cosmos, dahlia, flossflower, globe amaranth, impatiens, lantana, lavender, lilac, pussy willow, sedum, strawflower, and tithonia.
- Insects lure the colorful birds that eat them, and some insects, such as ladybugs, bees, and praying mantis, do valuable garden work. Some plants that attract valuable insects include coriander, cummin, dill, fennel, mint, nasturtium, parsley, pinnip, sage, tansy, thyme, and yarrow. Caterpillars crunch on carrot, dill, fennel, milkweed, nasturtium, parsley, Queen-Anne's lace, and violet. Honeybees find these to be a special treat: arabis, borage, buckwheat, crocus, dandelion, goldenrod, Shagreen, raspberry, sage, sweet cicely, and white clover.

It's not necessary to knock yourself out trying to fill your yard with food. If you let part of your plot "go native," the birds will be thrilled. A controlled patch of "weeds" is an important food source; left to grow and bloom, weeds can rival the beauty of tended beds. Some great weeds include chickweed, clover, crabgrass, fleabane, gerardia, goldenrod, knotweed, lamb's-quarters, milkweed, mullein, nettles, plantain, pokeweed, ragweed, savatras, shepherd's purse, sorrel, and even thistle.

A SUPPLEMENTAL DIET

A packaged bird mix includes seeds that lure an assortment of avian appetites. Here is a sampler platter of choices.

Sunflower seeds. Use these in any bird feeder to draw blue jays, cardinals, chickadees, goldfinches, grosbeaks, house finches, juncos, nuthatches, pine siskins, purple finches, and redpolls.

Thistle seed. Poured in a special thistle-seed dispenser, this draws goldfinches, pine siskins, and purple finches.

Suet. Purchase suet from your butcher, place it in a wire or mesh bag, and hang it on a post or tree. Though most birds will take an occasional peck at it, suet generally lures larger birds: blue jays, downy woodpeckers, flickers, hairy woodpeckers, red-headed woodpeckers, and starlings.

Sugar water. Served in a hummingbird feeder during warm months, this lures grosbeaks, house finches, hummingbirds, tanagers, and some warblers.

Corn. Mixed with other bird feed or placed in a separate pan, corn draws blue jays, cardinals, mourning doves, and red-headed woodpeckers. By sprinkling corn on the ground, you can also feed squirrels and ground squirrels. A whole ear skewered onto a spike will lure squirrels, and they won't be able to lug it all away.

Getting Rid of Old Power Equipment

When your mower melts down or your trimmer tires, get rid of it the right way.

No matter how smoothly your lawn mower hums this summer, eventually the day will come when it coughs and sputters its way to the garbage heap.

The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute suggests five ways to handle the disposal dilemma. First, decide if the machine can still be used or has some value. Then, you can choose the method that works best for you.

- **Donate it.** There are many charities that may be glad to have your old lawn and garden equipment if it has some life left—or if it can be repaired. Try churches, nonprofit groups, Goodwill stores, and Salvation Army outlets. Your donation may be tax deductible.

- **Sell it.** If your machine is in fairly good condition, it may be worth placing a classified ad in your local newspaper or including it in a neighborhood garage sale. The object here is to find it a new home—not to make a mini-

- **Trade it.** Since your current equipment is aging, it's likely that you're shopping for something new. You can often use your old equipment to negotiate a deal at a specialty retailer (mass retailers and department stores probably won't be interested). Check the Yellow Pages under "Lawn Mowers" or "Outdoor Power Equipment Dealers" to find dealers willing to accept your machine. If you're having trouble, call the North American Equipment Dealers Association at 314/821-7220 for the name of a nearby retailer.

- **Scrap it.** Even if it doesn't work, your old equipment may have value to a scrap dealer, who can salvage parts and metals. Call some scrap dealers (listed in the Yellow Pages) to find some who are interested. Most pay based on the weight of the elements they reclaim.

- **Trash it.** If the other options fail, it's probably time to call your trash collector. You may need to arrange a pickup time or pay a fee.



Parsley, dill, and fennel make good gobbling for caterpillars. A perch and a pan of corn create a feast for mourning doves.

Finis winter

Home, garden show brought spring early



Kerry Greer of Collinsville and son, Kevin, 3 1/2, with Greer's display, "Greer's Greenery."

'After a long winter, it is the green stuff that people miss the most.'

— Steve Armstrong
President of SIGMA



Ann Van Dyke, Sally Kratz and Chris Norton, all of Collinsville, admire a display by Shiloh Hollow Greenhouse of Grafton.



Lisa Gregory, left, of Caseyville, and her sister-in-law, Rita Conley of East St. Louis admire fencing from Trost Plastics of Maestown.

By Ellen Drenkhahn
Correspondent

The only thing missing from the recent home and garden show was the sound of chirping birds or the roar of lawn mowers as visitors flocked to the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville.

The 96 exhibitor booths included everything from fresh flowers to shrubs to fencing companies, yard fixtures, lawn and garden equipment to Moo Doo, a natural fertilizer.

The sight that greeted most garden enthusiasts at the main entrance to the display room was a four-tiered, black wrought iron potting tree holding a whopping 27 pots of hot pink petunias.

The display was presented by Shiloh Hollow Greenhouses of Grafton.

Chris Keidel, landscape manager for Shiloh Hollow, said the petunias were creating a lot of conversation among browsers.

"That whole thing costs about \$400, but includes an irrigation system that runs up the center post. I put the petunias in it for display purposes, but it is becoming quite popular for potting herbs. This is the kind of thing that you can buy in sections and is attractive to those people with limited garden space or for patio gardens," said Keidel.

The petunia tree was set into a landscape theme that included two wooden arbors, a stone pathway that meandered among a variety of flowering plants and herbs, and some interesting pieces of yard silhouettes made of black iron.

"We know that we are located off the beaten path, but we think the drive is worth it to come to Shiloh Hollow. We cater to our customers, strive to answer all of their gardening questions, and offer a variety of plants to meet their needs. We're always looking for the new varieties, but we don't stray away from the old favorites," said Keidel.

Cathy Kissel, Vera Stuckey, and Mary Anne Pietroburgo, members of the Collinwood Garden Club of Collinsville, admired many of the plants on display at Shiloh Hollow.

"I enjoy coming to the show to look for new ideas for my back yard. I find gardening to be a relaxing hobby," said Kissel.

THIS IS THE THIRD YEAR that the Southern Illinois Grounds Maintenance Association (SIGMA) has teamed up with the University of Illinois Extension Service to hold its spring home and garden show at Gateway.

The show is unique in that it offers a variety of seminars in a small, more personalized classroom setting that encourages interaction between the speaker and the students, according to



Bill and Jean Forrest of Granite City admire the Naturescapes display at the recent home and garden

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Louise Blew of Collinsville among the flowers.

Steve Armstrong, president of SIGMA.

"Each hour-long program has a built-in 15-minute question and answer period, which people appreciate. Other trade shows bring in big-name experts and try to fill the entire hall for the presentation. I'm not knocking that, but I think we offer more in the way of interactive education here," said Armstrong.

ALSO DIFFERENT IS THE TYPE of vendors at the show.

"You won't find any hot tubs or windows on display today and we've cut back on a lot of the big equipment, too. What we offer is the stuff people really want to see — landscaping ideas, color, and lots of green stuff. After a long winter, it is the green stuff that people miss the most," said Armstrong.

Coping with the effects of winter is one of the dozens of questions many of the exhibitors were happy to discuss.

Nancee Kruescheck, owner of Naturescapes of Collinsville, said people need to be patient with their plants and shrubs this spring.

"We've had a really harsh winter and the conditions are very dry. The shrubs have taken a beating from all the winds and severe temperature changes. High winds can do more damage than severe cold to evergreens," she said.

Because of the high winds, ground moisture has been reduced as well.

"People think there is sufficient moisture in the ground because of all the snow we had this winter, but it's not true. My advice is to get outside now and water the ground frequently," said Kruescheck.

ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, Kruescheck said the pest problem should be less bothersome than in previous summers.

Several of the landscape displays held small water gardens and ponds, one of which sported several bright orange and white goldfish. Diane Wickline, of Diane's Garden and Landscaping of Lebanon said a water garden would fit into any landscape design.

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Making a choice Seedlings or cultivars?

Catalog gardeners torn between cheap seed packets and pricey pot plants as they fill out their order forms might want to factor in convenience before they figure out the bottom line.

"Sowing seed into the landscape directly is always an unsure thing," says Paul Henry, a horticulture expert from Southern Illinois University's Carbondale campus.

"The seed may not be viable — sometimes only a small percentage of perennial seeds have that live 'plant' inside."

"And even if you have success, small seedlings are very tender, and a lot of things can happen to them."

"You can increase their chances by using extra care — providing the right soil, moisture and light in a greenhouse environment — but it's a hassle."

Many mail-order gardeners also have to grapple with the choice between dirt-cheap seedlings and costly cultivars.

Cultivars, produced from cuttings of a proven plant, could be thought of as the picks of a purebred litter — offspring that will look and perform exactly like their parent. Seedlings are the botanical equivalent of pound puppies — they could turn into something quite nice, but you never know.

"If having that reliable characteristic — a particular color, for instance — is important to you, you're better off with a cultivar," Henry says.

"A cultivar is more difficult to produce, so it's more expensive, but you always know what you're going to get."

If you've never ordered plants from a catalog, prepare for a shock when you open the packing box.

"Almost any plant is going to look pretty rough when you get it through the mail," Henry warns.

"Just remember, it's not so much what the

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top looks like as what the roots look like that's important. They should be nice and white — if they're brown and dark, you could have a problem."

Because most plants dry out during shipping, you'll need to get them into the ground as quickly as possible after they arrive.

One last tip:

Most flowering bulbs, rootstocks and shrubs will look marvelous during their first season in your garden.

But, as with stocks of the financial variety, past performance is no guarantee of future results.

"Before you get them, they had been growing under optimum conditions — fertilizer, water, sun and so forth," Henry notes. "The tons of flowers you see in that first year is a direct result of what the growers did."

"But you're exposing them to landscape conditions, where all of those factors will vary. You have to expect some performance fall-off in the second year in nearly all plants with ornamental properties."

requirements either — you'll see the same thing with cold hardiness zones," says Paul Henry, the main man for ornamental plants at Southern Illinois University's Carbondale campus.

"Different catalogs will say that the same plant will or will not survive in a given zone."

The case of the contradictory light requirements may not be as puzzling as it first seems.

"Full sun is very different in Miami and Chicago," Henry says.

"If you live in Illinois and your catalog comes from South Carolina, the shade plants you order might do all right in a little more sun. You have to be willing to experiment a little."

In addition, varieties within a single plant group may need differing amounts of light.

"Hostas, for instance, have thousands of cultivars," Henry says. "Some of them can take quite a bit of sun, even though hostas are traditionally shade plants."

As for cold hardiness, it's largely guesswork on the part of the nurseries, Henry says.

"No one's ever gotten a bunch of refrigerators set at different temperatures, put plants in them and then watched to see which ones died first," he notes.

"The people who grow the plants have an impression of where they do best, and what works for them is what goes into the catalog."

If you have your heart set on something the catalog says won't make it through the winter in your area, check your location against that of the company.

If you're in the same zone, the catalog's probably right. If you're in a different zone, you might want to take a chance.

"You should always look at these guidelines as good for optimum growing conditions, not as some kind of magic," Henry says. "You can't pigeonhole nature — plants are much more adaptable than that."

Hot rod — John Wiley, 10, of Sparta, trying out a lawn mower on display at a booth run by Coleman's of Percy, Ill., at the recent home and garden show at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville.

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How to select a cellular phone

Do you always get home at the same time every night? Most people don't. That is why many enjoy the convenience of a cellular telephone. Before buying a cellular phone, here are some things you should consider.

Choose the type of cellular phone that fits your needs.

Cellular phones come in three categories. Base your choice on how you will be using your phone.

- **Mobile phone.** This is a car phone, usually installed permanently with an antenna affixed to the rear window, the center of the roof or the trunk lid. Car phones are good for security when traveling, and are convenient if you are caught in heavy traffic.
- **Transportables.** These phones are usually more expensive than car phones and can weigh from a pound to up to 10 pounds with a battery pack. Transportables are also called bag phones because they are about the size of a handbag. Some models can be mounted and wired, but are easily removed and hooked to a battery.
- **Portables.** Also called hand-held, these cellular phones can be as small as a calculator and weigh just 7 ounces, with a battery pack. People who wear pagers use these phones because they can respond directly to a call.

Before buying a phone, shop for the service.

Even if you never use your phone to make a call, you will be charged access fees, which will run about \$200 to \$400 a year. Before choosing a service company, find out which one offers the better deal.

Are charges for a cellular phone the same as for a regular phone?

With few exceptions, cellular phone bills are a lot like regular phone bills. Cellular phone users are billed for outgoing and incoming calls. Airtime is charged in 60-second increments. The charges begin when you press "Send" and continue until you press "End."

TIP: Peak time hours are 7 a.m. to 7:59 p.m. Monday through Friday. Off-peak hours are 8 p.m. to 6:59 a.m. Monday through Friday, all day Saturday and Sunday, New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Does my cellular phone come with special options?

Following is a list of features you may want to look for when purchasing a cellular phone.

- **Hands-free speakerphone.** If you plan to use your phone a lot when you are driving, a speakerphone is a much safer way to go, and is more convenient.
- **Alphanumeric memory.** Store up to 100 (or more) phone numbers in memory.
- **Any-button answer.** You can use any button to answer your phone — much safer than trying to locate a specific button.
- **Hot buttons.** This option provides speed dialing for up to three numbers, with just one button.
- **Car adapter.** If you buy a portable phone, get a car adapter with a 3-watt booster for use in your car.
- **Voice-activated dialing.** A safety feature used when driving.
- **Built-in pager.** Your phone acts like a pager, flashing each caller's number.
- **Dual or multi-NAM.** Your phone can be linked to two or more carriers, each with a different phone number. This is convenient if you live in St. Charles but travel to Chicago often. You could obtain a second number for Chicago and pay only the local rates in Chicago.
- **Computer and fax compatibility.** You can plug in a cellular fax or modem into the phone to transmit data.
- **Special services.** These include call waiting, call forwarding, three-way calling, no-answer transfer and voice mail. Costs for these services range from free to a few dollars per month.

Other common questions or concerns to keep in mind about cellular phones.

- What is roaming, and how are you charged for it?
- Does the company you're choosing have toll-free exchanges?
- What are the rate plans and are they convenient?
- What area is covered by your service company?
- Make sure you have a clear explanation of how and when you're billed.
- Choose a model that suits your needs. Car phones cost less than hand-held models and have greater power for clearer reception. For portables, look into the flip phones.
- Make sure your area has digital service before buying a digital phone.



(Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAK JR.)

Roger Reeves of Prudential Real Estate places a "for sale" sign in front of 2023 Greenbrier in Collinsville.

'Red hot' market aids both buyers, sellers

By Doris Hanrahan
Correspondent

If you're thinking of either selling or buying a home, now is the time to do it, while the market is hot.

And it's "red hot," said John George, president of the Greater Gateway Association of Realtors, a 50-year-old organization of area Realtors.

"Interest rates are down. They're hovering between 7 1/2 and 8 percent," he said.

To list or not to list is the first question sellers must answer.

"National statistics show 10 percent of people who try to sell their own homes succeed. The other 90 percent wind up listing with a Realtor," said George.

"Realtors know how to qualify potential buyers, to get to the heart of the matter (which is) income and credit."

What about the agencies that offer to assist in a sale by owner?

"There are those on the seller's side and some that concentrate only on helping buyers," said George. "They give a limited amount of services for a limited amount of money. There's a place for them in the market."

If you decide to list with a Realtor, check around for the best commission rate. It varies from 5-10 percent, but rates are often negotiable.

For existing homes, the average sale price in this area is in the upper \$80,000s; for new construction, it's in the \$100,000 range. Average turnaround time is 120-150 days.

If you're selling, you will be required by state law to disclose any defects you know exist in the home. The law does not mandate repairs. You can negotiate those with the buyer.

But, a serious problem, like a bad roof, may require repair before a lender will approve a loan.

As a buyer of an existing home, you can

protect yourself by having a whole-house inspection.

"It can bring you peace of mind," George said. "It will cost about \$175 to \$200. Special inspections like radon and lead paint add to the cost."

Some sellers now offer a one-year home warranty that the seller can purchase for \$300 to \$400. The warranty can be an added selling attraction.

New homes usually carry warranties that range from 1 to 10 years.

When buying a new house, how can you be sure it is well built? Try to follow it through all its stages of construction,

George said.

"You can look at the mechanical systems, the plumbing, heating and wiring, how the walls are built and the kind of lumber being used. It's hard to tell once it's drywalled how it's been built. Then you'd be well-advised to have a whole-house inspection."

Choosing a lender is an important step in the buying process, George advised shopping for a lender, to get the best rate, before you even begin to look for a house.

You also need to know at the outset what you can afford and the amount of the loan for which you can qualify.

Once you find your dream home, deciding on the best kind of loan can be confusing.

"Talk to your lender," said George. "With the mobility in our society today, for some an adjustable mortgage is best. Others like the stability of a fixed rate over a long time."

Can you trust your Realtor to work in your best interests, or does an agent represent both seller and buyer?

In Illinois, whether you are buying or selling, your real estate agent represents only you.

"You should pick one agent you trust and be loyal to that agent, and that agent will be loyal to you," said George. He suggested interviewing several agents and asking them for references.

— John Syring
Lawn care specialist

For lawns, it's fertilizer time

By Ron Wisdom
Staff writer

For those who take great pleasure in showing off full, green lawns during the summer months, there is no time like the present to begin getting them in shape.

John Syring, a lawn care specialist at Ever-Green Lawns in Collinsville, said now is the ideal time to begin fertilizing lawns with granular applications. These applications promote strong, healthy roots and growth.

In addition to fertilizers, Syring said pre-emergents to kill weeds and crabgrass should also be applied.

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"If you go too high on the nitrogen you'll cause the grass to use up all of its food too quickly and it will be stressed come summer," he said.

Stressed areas of grass turn brown and can die.

Syring said it is also important not to get too eager to start up the mower.

"Let the grass grow as much as you can stand it," he said. "Then mow off one-third of it."

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don't apply the fertilizer until after the mowing, and once it is fertilized, don't cut it again until it is at least 3 inches high.

Syring said the key to mowing is to never cut lawns too short.

"Never cut off more than one-third of it," he said. "Cutting it too short can also cause it to become stressed."

You should also sharpen your mower blade after each cutting, he said. Dull blades can tear the grass. Torn blades of grass can develop disease.

When it comes to watering, use your best judgment.

"In the spring, you can usually depend on the weather for water, but the summer is a different story," he said.

Syring said to water your lawn in the early morning hours.

That way, the sun can dry the grass blades. If grass is damp for too long a period, it can develop fungus.

"The most important thing in the spring is to concentrate on cleaning up weeds and crabgrass and promoting healthy growth," he said.

"Don't worry about heavy mowing or watering until summer."

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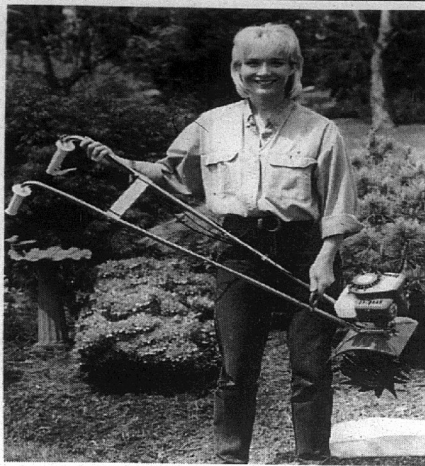
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Easy steps to harvest home-grown bounty

It's easy to get your garden off to a good start if you've got a good plan. Just follow these five steps and you'll be harvesting home-grown delicacies in no time!

1. Select good soil. To thrive, garden plants need rich, healthy soil. One way to determine whether or not your soil has the proper pH and nutrients is to take a sample to your local County Extension office. These professionals can test your soil to determine what to add to create the best soil for a healthy garden. But even if you don't test your soil, add compost and other organic materials to provide nutrients and enhance your soil's ability to retain water.
2. Till or turn under your soil before planting. This will break up clumps of dirt that can block a seedling's path to the surface or its roots' path to moisture. The deeper you dig, the better — especially in hard, packed ground. Soil can be turned using a shovel, but power tillers do the job faster and easier.
3. Accurately plant your seeds. Using your garden plan, place your seeds (or starter plants) at the right depth with the right spacing. It doesn't make sense to be sloppy when sowing seeds, so do the job properly. Read package directions or consult your seed dealer for the proper depth and spacing for planting different types of seeds.
4. Rake or hoe to help control weeds. Get in between plant rows to destroy those nasty weeds before they can deprive your garden plants of the moisture and nutrients they need. Do this by hand, if necessary, or use a small tiller if it will fit between your garden rows.
5. Thin plants out when they are small. As seedlings sprout, you may find that you have placed seeds too close together. Pulling out some plants before they begin to crowd one another will help the remaining plants grow larger and produce a better crop.



A tiller makes quick work of many gardening jobs — including getting your garden soil ready for planting.

No green thumb? Try this perennial of the year

Those with green thumbs may find blue puts them in the pink, thanks to the bright blue flowers of the Perovskia plant, the Perennial Plant Association's Plant of the Year.

Commonly called Russian sage, Perovskia has silver stems and small, grayish foliage. It reaches a height of nearly four feet and is categorized as a sub-shrub, with a woody base. The leaves are barely toothed, 1.5 inches long, and when crushed, have the scent of sage. Small, light blue to lavender flowers are arranged in whorls along the stem, and the spikes are often 12 inches long or more. Perovskia begins flowering in mid-summer and often lasts throughout early fall.

The plant grows best in

sunny, dry locations and is one of the most heat- and drought-resistant perennials available. It will perform best in areas with consistently warm summers. Soils should be well-drained.

It is most easily propagated by three- to four-inch stem cuttings which root easily in sand or in an equal volume mixture of peat moss and perlite. Rooting generally occurs within two to three weeks. Propagation by division is possible, but slow. Seeds require a short cold treatment of about 30 days. Rooted cuttings or seedlings should be planted outside in the spring or early enough in the fall to allow sufficient root development. It grows best in neutral to alkaline soils. Perovskia is normally

purchased as a potted plant. At plantings, loosen the soil in an area two to three times the diameter of the pot. Thoroughly work a complete fertilizer, at a rate of two to three pounds per 100 square feet, into the top six to eight inches of soil in the planting area. Four to six inches of leaf mold or other organic compost

can be spread over the planting area and thoroughly worked into the soil to a depth of six to eight inches. Composts are particularly valuable in improving soil structure and water holding capacity. Remove from the pot and set it at the same depth as in the pot. Firm the soil and water thoroughly.

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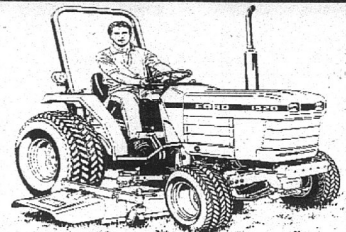
A system, from Crane Plastics, practically eliminates the need for frequent gutter cleaning. It doesn't use standard mesh screens or plastic domes, which are only partially effective because

leaves and debris merely collect on top. Instead, the system uses the scientific principle of liquid adhesion.

As rainwater flows off the roof and over the downward steps of the gutter guard, the natural surface tension of the water causes it to follow the surface contour into water-carrying channels and through drainholes into the gutter. At the same time, the leaf, needle, seedling, and twig debris falls over the downward steps of the gutter guard, onto the ground below.

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High-tech, high-style windows are being used more than ever to help homeowners enjoy the outside views from inside their homes.

Big windows open up a home, brighten it and make it feel larger and more inviting. And homeowners no longer need to give up comfort, practicality and energy efficiency to enjoy big, beautiful windows.

Energy efficiency improves comfort and utility bills.

For years, windows were considered energy wasters. Their use was limited to relatively small areas in homes. But today, that's all changing. Energy-efficient windows with low-maintenance exteriors and super energy-efficient glass are becoming increasingly popular.

During the 1970s, when energy conservation was critical, many homebuilders cut back on the use of windows as energy wasters. But as an outgrowth of the energy shortage, new glass panes were devised to cut down on lost heat or cool air, thus saving on furnace and air-conditioning costs.

The windows, known as low-E are double panes of glass filled with Argon gas, rather than air, providing greater insulation. The glass is typically coated with a microscopic metallic layer to reflect radiant heat.

In colder weather and cooler climates, the glass prevents heat from escaping the house and helps hold down gas, oil or electric bills. In warmer weather, the glass keeps the heat outside and the cool in, again cutting energy expenses.

New standards help comparison shopper.

Until recently, however, it was difficult for consumers to accurately compare the energy efficiency of windows because manufacturers used different testing procedures and labeling standards to rate glass.

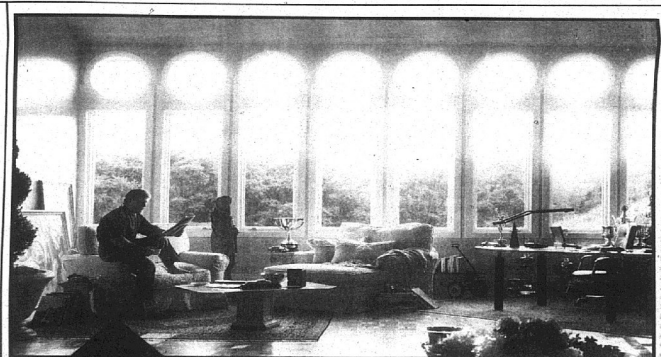
But a new standard is being introduced that will make it easier for consumers to judge the energy efficiency of the insulated windows they may be planning to purchase.

The National Fenestration Rating Council, NFRC, is introducing a new labeling system that will help homeowners determine the energy rating of their windows, similar to what consumers see on water heaters and refrigerators. That will help to simplify comparison shopping.

A window checklist.

A few other suggestions when shopping for windows, whether you're remodeling, doing new construction or replacing your existing windows:

- Consider the type of material used in window frames. Vinyl, aluminum and wood window frames vary in their insulation capacities.
- Choose windows with a low-E glass. Most windows are available with these optional or standard glazings. The energy savings reaped by using low-E windows can help offset the cost of the investment in new windows. And they add value to your home.
- Work with a reputable retailer with trained window experts. Knowledgeable salespeople will help you choose the right windows for your needs. Poorly chosen windows or badly installed ones can cost a bundle in lost energy and poor performance.



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Select the type of tree you want.

If you want a shade tree, consider a red or white oak. For colorful autumn foliage, you should consider a sugar maple, ash, American elm, sweetgum or dogwood. Or, if you're looking for a flowering tree, perhaps one that bears fruit, consider a crab apple, cherry or pear tree.

Fruit trees often require special care. Fledgling planters should consider asking a nursery for planting and maintenance tips.

Pick a suitable site.

Site selection is very important. You need enough space and the right soil. If you wish to plant what will become a large shade tree, you will need an open area 40 to 60 feet in circumference. Avoid planting a tree too close to your home. If you can, have the soil tested to see if it has the proper nutrients. Urban and suburban soils often are imported from somewhere else. They are usually compacted after contractors deposit them on home sites.

Go to a nursery and find a tree that suits your needs. Ask questions. Shop around.

Prepare the planting area.

Use a tiller or shovel to loosen and mix an area of soil that is five times the diameter of the tree's root ball. The soil should be loosened to a depth equal to the height of the root ball. Organic matter can be added to the loosened soil as long as the new material is used uniformly throughout the whole area.

In the center of the prepared area, dig a hole in which to plant the tree. The hole should be deep enough to allow the top of the root ball to be level with the top of the hole.

Place the tree in the ground.

When planting the tree, the root ball should rest on solid, not loosened, soil. After the tree is securely in place, cut and remove the rope or wires holding the burlap in place around the ball and remove the burlap. Position the tree so that it is perpendicular to the ground and the main stem is growing straight up.

Backfill around the roots and gently pack the soil to prevent major air pockets. Do not pack the soil too hard. Use water instead of your foot to settle the soil.

Rake the soil evenly over the entire area and cover it with 2 to 4 inches of mulch, such as bark, wood chips, old sawdust, pine needles, rotting leaves or the like.

Take care not to pile the mulch against the tree trunk. Keep it at least 2 inches away.

Water and nourish the tree.

Keep the tree watered during dry spells. Use nutrients if necessary. Ask your nursery which ones are recommended for your tree and soil.

Tree spikes are effective but probably the most expensive way to nourish a tree. Mixed solutions are cheaper.

Decide if staking is necessary.

It's best not to stake the tree, but if wind is a problem or if the tree is leaning, support it with a flexible stake — if you can find one — so that the trunk will sway in the wind. If you decide to stake your tree, don't tie it too tight. Use thick string, leather thongs or soft rope — something with a little give and stretch to it. Remove the ties after one year because leaving string around the tree can kill it.

Protect the tree from hazards.

Finally, you should protect your growing tree from the dangers of lawn mowers and string trimmers. Durable plastic tree guards will shield fragile young trunks and keep soft bark from being stripped away.

Do not wrap the trunk with "protective" tape. It will slow the tree's ability to adapt to the site and provide a cozy home for insects.

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Natural sunlight, added living space and a place to relax are among the top reasons sunrooms are growing in popularity.

Striving for enlightenment Adding a sunroom

Homeowners are striving for enlightenment.

Literally.

In efforts to bring more sunlight into their lives, consumers have developed a desire for larger, more dramatic windows, streamlined window treatments, and most of all — sunrooms.

In fact, more than one third of new home buyers report in consumer surveys that sunrooms are the most desirable element in a new home.

HUMAN BEINGS are innately drawn to the natural light provided by sunrooms.

Sunlight can actually enhance our moods, improve our health and boost our energy level by 24 percent according to Men's Health and Current Health magazines.

"It's no wonder that sunroom owners find that they use their rooms more than they thought," says Rick Jones, president of Patio Enclosures Inc. "They are physically attracted to the natural sunlight."

The number one reason homeowners report to add a sunroom is for relaxation, according to a 1995 customer survey by Patio Enclosures Inc.

The benefits of sunlight combined with the all around view of nature provided by a sunroom offers a unique, soothing environment where homeowners can get away from it all.

THE SECOND most cited reason homeowners add a sunroom is for added living space, reports Patio Enclosures Inc.

Although the average size of a sunroom is 12 feet by 14 feet, larger than many rooms, they can be most any size.

UNIQUE uses for sunrooms include home offices, exercise rooms, music rooms and winter gardens.

WHETHER you want to create a sun-filled family area off the living room, a cheery breakfast nook to brighten the kitchen, a spacious dining area for family get-togethers or a romantic spa enclosure for star gazing, a sunroom can be designed to meet most any homeowner's desire.

BECAUSE sunrooms can be insulated for year-round comfort they can be used for most any activity.

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Sunrooms are a great way to add a family room, expand a kitchen, create a home office of attain any type of needed space.

Whether added as a separate room or created by enclosing a rarely used porch or deck, sunrooms always add comfortable productive living space.

The cost of a sunroom ranges from only 20 percent of the cost of a conventional room addition. Costly foundations are not always required.

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A sunroom can be a simple screen porch, an unheated three-season glass and screen room or a year-round room built with insulated glass.

Many homeowners simply opt to enclose an existing porch or deck with rolling glass units to create their sunroom.

Others add one on the outside wall of their home. "Sunrooms can now be easily customized to complement the colors, design and architecture of any home," reports Jones.

"HOMEOWNERS have the option of all-glass roofs with strategically placed glass panels and more." All options offer expanded living space, natural sunlight and a serene environment — characteristics that have made sunroom additions so popular.

Unlike the leaky, hot structures of the past, today's sunrooms incorporate advanced technology in glass and ventilation systems to help control the temperature of the room.

Insulated styles can be heated in the winter months and cooled in summer for comfort throughout the year.

High tech shading systems also help homeowners save on energy costs.

They also provide the ability to create various moods by blending lightscaping with privacy.

THE COMFORT and care-free maintenance of today's sunrooms make them a more practical and popular option than in the past.

Whether you are looking to add a special room or just create a place to relax, sunrooms are a beautiful way to bring sunlight, comfort and living space to your home.

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So, what do you do? First, mow more often. A side discharge mower keeps clippings to a minimum and spreads them evenly over your lawn, so you won't need to rake.

If you use a bagging attachment, you can transfer clippings to a compost pile that will provide you with natural, organically enriched earth for feeding vegetables and plants later on.

Besides mowing, you could try mulching. Mulching mowers and mulching blade attachments put grass clippings to work for you. By cutting and then recutting grass, a mulching blade produces fine particles that can barely be seen. These small particles decompose quickly, returning nutrients to your lawn.

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Clippings help make a healthy lawn

If you still mow your lawn in the traditional way, you probably face the same problem over and over again: grass clippings.

Disposing of clippings through curb-side pickup burdens landfills. In fact, many communities now refuse to collect yard wastes.

You may not know it, but keeping grass clippings on the lawn can actually make a lawn healthier by returning vital

nutrient to the soil, effectively enriching your lawn every time you mow.

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For this year's bride

Simpler satins and silks

The blushing bride in 1996 will be decked out in simpler satins and silks this year that will bring the attention back to where it belongs — on the natural beauty and radiance of the bride.

"The trend this year is one of simplicity and elegance. There will be less glitz, not as much pout, and styles that are more figure-flattering in sensuous fabrics that drape and move beautifully," said Edith Stone, owner of Love and Lace Bridal and Formal Wear in Collinsville.

Chiffon ruffles and full tulle Cinderella-type skirts have been slimmed down to flared A-line skirts in natural raw silk, shantung, or crepe. Even the ever-popular shiny satins have been toned down to a duller shine, known as Italian or duclimeter satin.

"What I see more elegance in styles this year. There is still beading, but it is with fine pearl work, not the shiny sequins. There is an emphasis on less of everything — fewer lace embellishments on the gown and less puff in the headpiece," said Carolyn Arth, manager of Impressions in Collinsville.

About the only one floating down the aisle in lots of ruffles and lace is the flower girl, and even those styles are changing. "I have a line of flower girl dresses that are so beautiful and so well made that I can't make them any cheaper than I can order them for a customer in the \$118 price range," added Stone.

The circular rack was filled with ivory and white girls' dresses, some with lots of ruffles, others with elegant beading, and still others with ribbon rosebuds. Each one was more lovely than the last.

ONE OF THE CHANGES in styles this year is in the bodice treatments.

"The bridal gowns this year will have less ornamentation on the skirt and more emphasis on the bodice, which naturally directs the eye to the face. And that is where the focus should be anyway. No matter how a girl looks the rest of her life, she will be beautiful on her wedding day just because of her radiance



(Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAK JR.)
Christine Pranger of Glen Carbon models a wedding dress at Elegant Brides Bridal and Formal Wear in Glen Carbon.

and happiness," Stone said. A bride-to-be has an almost endless selection of gowns from which to choose with the three bridal shops located in Collinsville, including Love and Lace, Impressions, and Butterfield's Bridal Shoppe.

"I had a customer in last week that just fell in love with a gown in a magazine, but it was a \$2,700 gown. I told her I could get it for her if that is what she really wanted, but usually I try to help girls find a similar style to those pictured, for less money," said Jennifer Weeks, manager of Butterfield's Bridal.

All three shops carry moderately-priced gowns from \$350-\$1,100, with the average gown selling in the \$700 price range.

JUST AS THE DRESSES have changed, so have the headpieces and accessories. Hats, poofy veils, and gloves are out. All-around headpieces are in for brides and small fresh floral barrettes are in for bridesmaids.

Not everyone's idea of a perfect wedding dress is ivory

and whispering softly down the aisle. One trend slowly catching on in the region is theme weddings, which incorporate the interests, hobbies or professions of the bridal couple into the big event.

"That can be almost anything from motorcycles to Country-Western dancing. I see it in the type of invitations couples send to what they wear to their wedding and what kind of party they plan," said Stone.

Western-inspired hats, headpieces, and formal wear is supposed to be really hot this season and inquiries for them have started to come in. I've got things on order to accommodate those customers," added Stone.

NO MATTER WHAT style of dress a bride envisions herself in on her wedding day, she needs to plan ahead.

All three shops suggest that gowns be ordered at least six to eight months prior to the wedding day. (See BRIDE, Page 8D)

Bridesmaid dresses you CAN wear again

By Ellen Drenkhahn

Correspondent

Ever wondered why looking at the average bridesmaid dress how much the attendants were bribed — or threatened — to wear the frock down the aisle?

Or have you asked yourself why all bridal attendants must look frumpy and unappealing next to the bride?

Frumpiness is out and elegance is in thanks to the changes in styles in bridesmaid dresses. Gone are the shiny hot pink satins, big bow on the hip, deep ruffled skirt, that proclaimed to the world, "this is a bridesmaid dress."

"What I'm starting to see a lot more of is the fit and flare style dress that fits more body types. It is a sleek dress of crepe with an off the shoulder neckline, a contoured but not fitted waistline, and a flowing or flared skirt that is easy to walk in because it is not restrictive," said Carolyn Arth, manager of Impressions in Collinsville.

HEAVIER OR SHORTER BODY TYPES are not flattered by fitted waistlines and ruffles over the hips — two problem areas that need camouflage, not emphasis, added Arth.

"Tall, thin girls are going to look good in

almost anything they wear from ruffles to straight A-lines. Unfortunately, larger girls and women cannot successfully wear those styles," added Arth.

There has also been a shift in color choices from the bright blues, pinks, and mauves to the deeper jewel tones.

Popular colors include the dark shades of Hunter green, navy, burgundy or wine, deep purple, and some shades of gold or buttercup.

Once thought to be winter colors, dark hues are showing up any time of the year, according to Edith Stone, owner of Love and Lace Bridal and Formal Wear in Collinsville.

"BRIDESMAIDS' GOWNS have become simpler, more elegant and wearable again — after the wedding. They don't shriek 'Bridesmaid dress!' They are more tailored with sensual fabrics reminiscent of the 1940's opulence in clothing."

— Edith Stone
Owner, Love and Lace Bridal and Formal Wear

and more instead of the shiny satins to enhance the simplicity of the elegant gowns.

"Some of the styles we are carrying in bridesmaid dresses could be shortened for use as a college party dress very easily or as cruise wear in the future," Arth said.

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Prolong the life of your car

Owners of well-maintained older vehicles can often expect a good deal when it comes time to trade in that vehicle on a newer model. You don't have to be a mechanic or hire one, to follow the most important rule in preserving a car: Drive safely and properly.

Forethought, driving techniques can help preserve a car's life.

Try to plan where you are going, for two reasons. First, you can save fuel if you take efficient routes. Second, you will be able to take your time instead of rushing around and changing an accident.

Avoid unnecessary loads. Empty your car of useless weight. Place heavy objects near the car's center so that weight is evenly distributed. Walk around your car before driving it. Doing so could reveal a tire in need of air or some obstacle that will block your car's path.

Make sure you have two side mirrors, plus a rear view mirror, and that they are properly positioned. Always be sure to look back and check your blind spot. Don't ride with your foot on the clutch and try not to hold your car stationary on a hill by using the clutch pedal. Both of these mistakes can result in a clutch that needs replacement before its time.

Keep the fuel tank near full in cold weather to avoid water condensing in the fuel system. Try to use your cruise control to maintain a steady speed. Remember that your car's efficiency is at its maximum at 50 mph.

Routinely check basics such as oil level and belts

In the heralded good ol' days, gas station attendants not only filled your car with gas but also looked under the hood to check oil level, belts and other important items. Now drivers may go months without checking the engine compartment. Generally, you should check the engine oil level weekly all year round, and the coolant level and the tire pressure weekly during cold weather.

Items that need to be checked monthly include window washer fluid, brake fluid, power steering fluid level and lights. Also, look at your belts and radiator hoses to make sure they aren't cracked.

Change your oil every 3,500 miles. You can do this yourself, but oil often can be changed almost as inexpensively at service shops. An advantage to getting oil changed at a service shop is that the employees will also do undercarriage inspections, lubricate any necessary spots and properly dispose of the used oil.

In general, replace the car's spark plugs every 30,000 miles, sooner if the car feels sluggish. About every six months you should check or have checked the suspension, transmission fuel level, exhaust system and muffler, and the emergency brake.

You will also want to check windshield wiper blades and the air pressure in your spare tire. Some items on your car will need to be replaced every year or two. Check vacuum hoses and replace if they are cracked, and replace your air, fuel and PCV filters.

To avoid unnecessary wear on tires, rotate them every year or so. Usually you can depend on having to replace some items, such as distributor caps, batteries, shock absorbers and spark plug wires, about every three or four years.

Be aware of recommended service schedules

Just how often you need to service your car may also vary depending on how often and where you drive it and what type of car you have. The vehicle manufacturer will make some servicing recommendations, but remember that those are based on tests that they run on the cars, not the way you may use a car over the years.

You can consult a good mechanic or service manager to find out when items should be checked or replaced. Another good source is your local library, which carries plenty of books on automobile care and maintenance.

Keep your car looking sharp as well as running well

Remember that keeping your car running does no good if you're embarrassed to drive it because of how it looks. Wash your car regularly, and try to wax it twice a year at least.

Keep a trash bag in your car so that you aren't tempted to throw papers and empty cans on the floor.

Record all services and repairs performed on your car

Finally, record the checks and repairs you make on your car in an automotive log that lists the purpose of the repair, where it was done, the invoice number, the cost and the odometer reading. When it comes time to sell or trade your car, you can ask top dollar because you can prove it's been meticulously maintained.

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HOWTO...

Prolong the life of your car

Owners of well-maintained older vehicles can often expect a good deal when it comes time to trade in that vehicle on a newer model. You don't have to be a mechanic, or hire one, to follow the most important rule in preserving a car: Drive safely and properly.

Forethought, driving techniques can help preserve a car's life.

Try to plan where you are going, for two reasons. First, you can save fuel if you take efficient routes. Second, you will be able to take your time instead of rushing around and changing an accident.

Avoid unnecessary loads. Empty your car of useless weight. Place heavy objects near the car's center so that weight is evenly distributed.

Walk around your car before driving it. Doing so could reveal a tire in need of air or some obstacle that will block your car's path.

Keep the car's windows clean.

Make sure you have two side mirrors, plus a rear view mirror, and that they are properly positioned. Always be sure to look back and check your blind spot.

Don't ride with your foot on the clutch and try not to hold your car stationary on a hill by using the clutch pedal. Both of these mistakes can result in a clutch that needs replacement before its time.

Keep the fuel tank near full in cold weather to avoid water condensing in the fuel system. Try to use your cruise control to maintain a steady speed. Remember that your car's efficiency is at its maximum at 50 mph.

Routinely check basics such as oil level and belts.

In the hallowed good of days, gas station attendants not only filled your car with gas but also looked under the hood to check oil level, belts and other important items. Now drivers may go months without checking the engine compartment. Generally, you should check the engine oil level weekly all year round, and the coolant level and the tire pressure weekly during cold weather.

Items that need to be checked monthly include window washer fluid, brake fluid, power steering fluid level and lights. Also, look at your belts and radiator hoses to make sure they aren't cracked.

Change your oil every 3,500 miles. You can do this yourself, but oil often can be changed almost as inexpensively at service shops. An advantage to getting oil changed at a service shop is that the employees will also do undercarriage inspections, lubricate any necessary spots and properly dispose of the used oil.

In general, replace the car's spark plugs every 30,000 miles, sooner if the car feels sluggish.

About every six months you should check or have checked the suspension, transmission fuel level, exhaust system and muffler, and the emergency brake.

You will also want to check windshield wiper blades and the air pressure in your spare tire.

Some items on your car will need to be replaced every year or two. Check vacuum hoses and replace if they are cracked, and replace your air, fuel and PCV filters.

To avoid unnecessary wear on tires, rotate them every year or so.

Usually you can depend on having to replace some items, such as distributor caps, batteries, shock absorbers and spark plug wires, about every three or four years.

Be aware of recommended service schedules.

Just how often you should service your car may also vary depending on how often and where you drive it and what type of car you have. The vehicle manufacturer will make some servicing recommendations, but remember that these are based on tests that they run on the cars, not the way you may use a car over the years.

You can consult a good mechanic or service manager to find out when items should be checked or replaced. Another good source is your local library, which carries plenty of books on automobile care and maintenance.

Record all services and repairs performed on your car.

Finally, record the checks and repairs you make on your car in an automotive log that lists the purpose of the repair, where it was done, the invoice number, the cost and the odometer reading. When it comes time to sell or trade your car, you can ask top dollar because you can prove it's been meticulously maintained.

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At left, a classic arched arbor; At right, a pergola-type model.

Arbors add charm to entryway

By the time the Pharaohs were piling up their pyramids, trellis had become commonplace in both country and city. The farmer grew his grapes, hops and other vine crops on long rows of trellis. In cities, even the poorest home had its crude overhead trellis with climbing plants providing shade from the blazing summer sun as well as fruit for the table. The palaces of the wealthy gloried in broad trellised decks and porticos covered with gorgeous flowering and fruiting plants developed by the earliest hybridizers, created for their beauty rather than for productivity.

And so the utilitarian trellis became a decorative feature of both home and garden. With the spread of civilization and the development of sophisticated architecture, the design of gardens was elevated to an art in every culture. Along with the hybridizing of native plants for the beauty of their flowers and foliage came the creation of structures to support them and enhance the delight they gave to the eye and the heart.

Almost universal in the gardens of those early cultures was the arched arbor, evocative of cool, shady lanes between lines of trees.

Arbors were popular with the Romans, who were wild about roses, which they carried with them to every part of their empire. During the Dark Ages which followed, the trellis and the arbor endured throughout Europe in kitchen and castle gardens. Later, when Marie Antoinette played at being a simple dairymaid, leafy arbors for rustic love trysts became a favorite feature of Versailles and other playgrounds of the aristocracy. Then as now, the middle class mimicked the rich and famous and the cottage gardens of France, Germany and England blossomed with, scaled with unpretentious charm to the dimensions of their

more modest settings.

From the earliest days of settlement in New England, European immigrants brought with them to America their beloved climbing roses, honeysuckle and berry vines and also their trellis and arbors. As more recent times saw a shift of emphasis to lawns in open, park-like yards, there came neater, less rambunctious flowers, stiffly-manicured floral borders and fewer garden structures.

The last two decades, however, have seen a resurgence of the informal garden with its romantic profusion of old-fashioned roses and luxuriously flowering vines like clematis and honeysuckle. And, of course, arbors.

Arbors have become popular, too, for the charm they add to a property when used as an entryway. Casual, unobtrusive and decorative, they pride a welcoming note. At the same time they make a positive statement to the visitors about the owners and the pride they take in their home.

More and more, owners of both traditional and contemporary styled homes are finding a place for an arbor either in the garden or to frame the entry to their premises.

While a small arbor is essentially a simple structure, it is not an easy do-it-yourself project for the average homeowner. It requires a good grade of lumber, preferably rot-resistant, quite a few joints and careful workmanship to ensure that it will stand up to all sorts of weather. The best-looking arbors include lattice in their assembly, and that can create a deterrent to the home craftsman, both in purchasing it in the smaller amounts required and it cutting and fitting into the framework. Having one custom-built can be a speedy proposition.

•Show

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"All it takes to have a water garden is a container that will hold water and a circulating pump. It can be as small or as large as you want and cost as little as \$100 up to thousands of dollars. And here's the kicker, you can even put a water garden in your front yard," said Wickline.

"The soft tinkling sounds of running water are very therapeutic. Who doesn't enjoy the relaxing effect of that?" asked Wickline.

•Kids

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Planting seeds of interest in gardening among the nation's youth is also the goal of Advance's partnership with the National Gardening Association (NGA), a non-profit organization which promotes gardening from seeds and runs educational programs for students.

The two organizations have teamed up to present the Ferry-Morse Growing Classroom Awards. Teachers with an innovative idea for using plants in the classroom to stimulate learning can win a complete NGA GrowLab indoor garden, gardening supplies and resource materials worth more than \$700.

A GrowLab consists of

•Bride

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"A bride should start shopping for a dress as soon as she gets engaged. Not only are there many styles to choose from in a variety of fabrics, colors, and price range, some companies take longer to manufacture the dress than others. A bride should not have to worry whether her dress will arrive in time for proper fittings and possible alterations," Arth said.

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